



## Gay Rights Bill Clears Committee, 12-10

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO—Assembly Bill 101 hurtled out of the Ways and Means Committee Tuesday, June 25, like a calf out of a chute, among a herd of other bills. It passed on a vote of 12 yes, 10 no and one abstention.

Committee Chair John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose), intoning like an auctioneer, ran through the bills at a rapid pace.

When AB 101 came up Assemblymember William Bak-

er (R-Walnut Creek), playing for the cameras, said, "Aren't we even going to discuss this?" An indignant Vasconcellos paused long enough to peer over his glasses and say, "Why? I'm not changing my procedures for anyone or anything, including this bill. It goes just like all the others."

On Monday Traditional Values Coalition's Lou Sheldon was taking credit for one of the bill's "yes" votes not showing up. Assemblymember Teresa Hughes (D-Los Angeles) was nowhere to be

found.

According to one source, "The bill's author, Terry Friedman, Vasconcellos and John Burton are real heroes. These guys got on the speaker (Willie Brown) to find out what happened to Hughes. He got on the phone and found out that she was back home attending to the birth of her first grandchild. Those guys did a helluva job. The gay community should give them one huge thank you."

Hughes was back in Sacramento and at the committee

to cast her "yes" vote on Tuesday.

One staffer observed, "Somebody needs to ask Sheldon whether he's taken a pass on the commandment that forbids bearing false witness."

Before the vote the atmosphere in the hearing room was tense. Laurie McBride and Alan Lofaso of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) were pacing up and down the tiered room, alighting here and there for whispered moments of con-

sultation.

Only LIFE staff member Keith Johnson sat calmly—he had just served a subpoena on Lou Sheldon. Johnson said that Attorney John Duran had called the office asking if they knew of anyone who could serve a subpoena on Sheldon. Johnson volunteered, the subpoena was faxed, and Johnson served it in the hearing room, saying, "Lou, you are served."

It must have been a bad afternoon for Sheldon because a short time later he and As-

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## Bashing Victim Files \$20 Million Lawsuit

Accused Assailant Held at Juvenile Hall

by Keith Clark

The San Jose gay man whose brutal beating was captured on videotape has filed a \$20 million lawsuit against the accused assailant and his family.

Paul Wotman, attorney for William Kiley, filed the suit in Santa Clara Superior Court seeking damages under California's Hate Crimes Statute,

which provides a \$10,000 penalty for a hate crime committed against someone because of their sexual orientation.

The suit also seeks damages for assault and battery and punitive damages.

Meanwhile, Judge Thomas Edwards ordered the 17-year-old accused attacker held by authorities at Juvenile Hall

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### Milestone

Gay and lesbian Los Angeles Police Officers staffed a recruitment booth at Gay Pride Day festivities. Story, page 18.

(Photo: Karen Ocamb)

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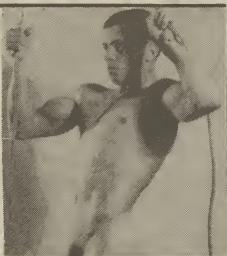
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# Arlo Smith Challenges Sheldon's Anti-Gay Initiative

by Nancy Boutillier

District Attorney Arlo Smith called the constitutional initiative filed by the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition "unprecedented in American Constitutional law since the days of legalized slavery."

Smith announced at a June 24 news conference that he has asked state Attorney General Daniel Lundgren for a legal opinion regarding the initiative's effect on San Francisco's lesbian and gay rights legislation.

Smith said that he hoped the proposal would not qualify for the ballot, but that if it did, he promised to "file suit immediately to keep this dangerous and clearly unconstitutional provision off the ballot."

The Sheldon initiative is a proposed constitutional amendment that was filed with the Attorney General's Office on June 14 for preparation as a ballot initiative in the upcoming November election.

The proposal reads as follows: "No statute or ordinance may take effect, or re-



District Attorney Arlo Smith

main in effect, which either makes homosexuality or bisexuality a civil right or prohibits discriminatory conduct based upon homosexuality or bisexuality unless it is submitted and approved by a two-thirds vote or the electors in question."

Smith said that the initiative "would, in effect, rescind all existing legal protections to lesbians and gay men in

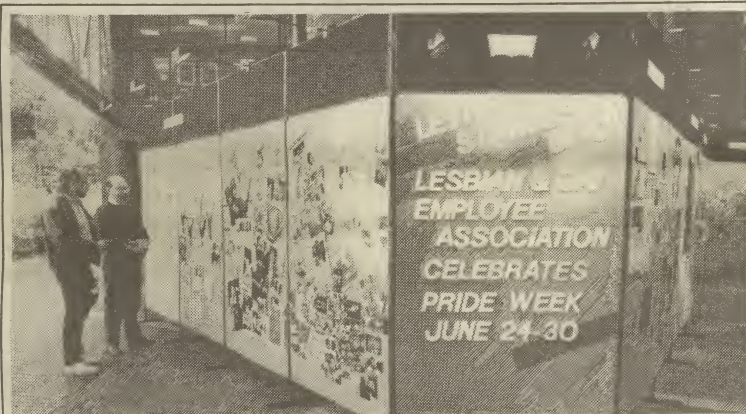
California" and "create a constitutionally recognized second-class status of citizens — homosexuals and bisexuals."

Smith denounced the people "who believe they have the market cornered on traditional values in this state" by pointing out that "there is nothing traditional — or valuable — about a constitutional amendment which would deny any of our citizens equal protection under the law."

Smith went on to say that "there is nothing traditional — or valuable — about a society which tells the bigots of this world that it's OK to fire someone, or refuse to sell them a home, or refuse to grant them the same rights and dignity as any other citizen, simply on the basis of sexual orientation."

Quoting from Abraham Lincoln's recognition that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance," Smith concluded that he could think of "no greater evidence for the need of our continued vigilance than this extremist, dangerous Sheldon initiative."

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## Recognition

To celebrate Gay Pride Week the Lesbian and Gay Employee Association at Levi Strauss mounted this exhibit in the lobby of Levi Plaza. It focuses on such areas as gay symbols, Harvey Milk, Stonewall and the Gay Games. The association will also be marching for the first time in the Gay Freedom Day Parade.

(Photo: Rick Gerhalter)

# Scaled-Down Gay Conference Rescheduled in Acapulco

by Rex Wockner

With the help of the Mexican government and the gay newsmagazine the *Advocate*, the International Lesbian and Gay Association's aborted 13th World Conference has been partially "rescued."

About 40 of the original 300 delegates are expected to gather in Acapulco June 30-July 6 at a conference hall provided free-of-charge by the federal and Guerrero state governments, which said they were embarrassed by the events that led to the conference's cancellation in Guadalajara.

The *Advocate* gave conference organizers \$7,500 to offset rescheduling expenses. According to ILGA officials in Europe, Mexican organizers used the money to subsidize participation by Latin American delegates.

However, the Acapulco event has been deemed "unofficial" by ILGA officers in Europe, meaning that "constitutional matters such as elections or ratification of new members" will have to wait until the 1992 conference in Paris.

ILGA said so few of its members could afford last-minute transportation to Acapulco that it would be unfair to grant the small number of participants the power to set the organization's course for the next year.

ILGA's annual conference was canceled after Guadalajara Mayor Gabriel Covarrubias Ibarra, Zapopan County Mayor Nicolas Orosco and Jalisco Gov. Guillermo Cosío Vidaurri promised to withhold police protection for the event, arrest all the delegates for "immoral behavior" and close down any hotel that

conducted business with the organization.

The planned conference also had been threatened repeatedly by what organizers call "ultra-right-wing, paramilitary Catholic groups." The city was plastered with graffiti and posters urging that gays be murdered.

More restrained Catholic-identified associations marched through the streets with images of Jesus and the Virgin Mary, praying that Guadalajara not become the next Sodom.

To attend the Acapulco event, direct-dial the Guadalajara organizers at 011 52 36 372 690 (24 hours), 011 52 36 320 507 (business hours CDT), or 011 52 36 145 755 (5-8 p.m. CDT). Other ILGA officials are in Acapulco at the Hotel Torres Gemelas, preparing for the gathering. ▼

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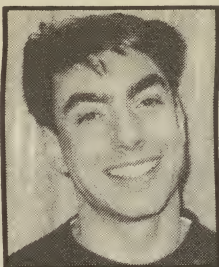
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## 360,000 Attend LA Celebration; Police Recruit Gay Officers

by Karen Ocamb

LOS ANGELES—"This is  
a historic event. We've shaken  
the very fabric of law en-  
forcement," said openly gay  
Los Angeles Police Officer  
John Smith as he shook hands  
at the Los Angeles Police De-  
partment recruitment booth  
during the Gay and Lesbian  
Pride Celebration June 23 in  
West Hollywood.

Unlike San Francisco,  
New York and San Diego,  
Los Angeles has not had any  
openly gay or lesbian police  
officers until recently.

Plans for a LAPD recruit-  
ment booth had been in the  
works since January, accord-  
ing to Donna Wade, co-chair  
of the LA Gay and Lesbian  
Police Advisory Task Force, a  
liaison group between  
LAPD and the gay community.

At that time recruitment  
efforts were centered around  
LAPD Reserve Officer Paul  
Butler who was "out" to his  
department.

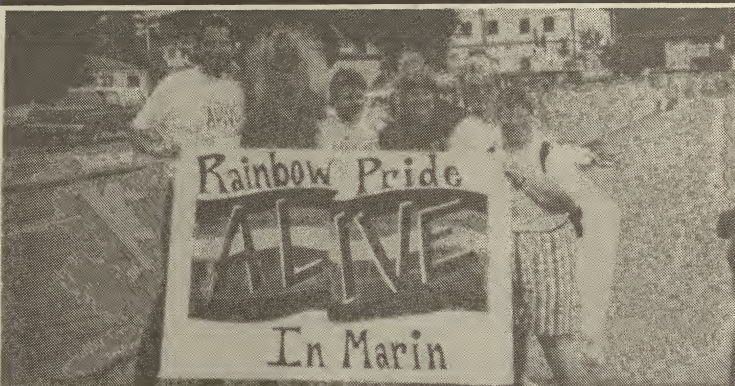
However, events rapidly  
took on a life of their own  
when the *Los Angeles Daily  
News* reported that uni-  
formed LAPD officers would

recruit at the festival.

LAPD Chief Daryl Gates  
publicly refused to permit the  
wearing of uniforms. But, af-  
ter an hourlong discussion  
with City Councilmember  
Joel Wachs, who supports  
both Gates and the gay com-  
munity, Gates gave in. At a  
news conference Gates said  
he had been reminded that a  
"senior official" had already  
granted permission.

Wade and GLPATF Co-  
Chair Mark Haskins indicated  
that the "senior official" was  
Gates himself.

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About 450 marched down Fourth Street in San Rafael on June 23.

(Photo: Kenneth Altman)

## Marin Gay Pride Parade Bigger Than Last Year's

by Kenneth J. Altman

The gay community of  
Marin County was out in full  
force on Sunday, June 23, for  
the second annual "Alive in  
Marin" Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual  
Freedom Day Parade.

Comprising more than 20  
contingents, an estimated 450  
marched down Fourth Street  
in downtown San Rafael to the  
cheers of almost that many  
observers.

According to Coni Staff, pa-  
rade committee member and  
pastor of the Metropolitan  
Community Church of the  
Redwoods, the marchers  
numbered about 100 more  
than last year's parade and  
onlookers were increased  
about five-fold.

Faces and groups familiar to  
most gay pride parades includ-  
ed Dykes on Bikes, who per-  
formed their standard and  
much-appreciated duty of  
leading the parade, and getting  
the crowd into the proper

mood, Sistah Boom, the Marin  
County Chapter of PFLAG,  
and Bi-Pol.

Bay Area Career Women,  
who held a dance the previous  
evening to raise money to  
defray costs for the parade, was  
also on hand as were the Marin  
AIDS Project, the Marin  
Round Table (a networking  
group) and the Ministry of  
Light, Marin's lesbian and gay  
resource center.

Rosemary LaPage, co-mo-  
derator of the board of Ministry  
of Light, and Richard Page of  
the Marin AIDS Project served  
as the parade's grand mar-  
shals.

San Francisco Supervisor  
Carole Migden rode in the  
parade and San Mateo County  
Supervisor Tom Nolan was  
present at the end of parade  
festivities in Albert Park.

Migden complimented the  
"interconnectedness between  
the lesbian and gay brothers  
and sisters of neighboring  
communities."

The parade began at 12:30  
and lasted about 45 minutes,  
working its way down Fourth  
Street, up to Fifth Street and  
then down B Street to let the  
marchers off at Albert Park.

At Albert Park, Jane Spahr,  
executive director of Ministry  
of Light, spoke and stated, "It's  
'in' to be queer today; this is  
our day in Marin," as she went  
on to talk about the Ministry's  
upcoming open house and urg-  
ed people to sign postcards  
supporting AB 101 and the lift-  
ing of the ban on internation-  
al travel by HIV-infected peo-  
ple.

The crowd was moved by a  
speech given by Brady Bevis of  
the Marin County Board of  
Supervisors. Bevis read, word  
for word, the board's recently  
signed resolution proclaiming  
June 17-23 as (annual) Marin  
Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

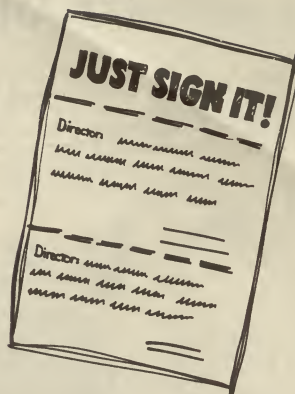
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County held their first Gay  
Pride Parade on Sunday as  
well. ▼



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## Editorial

### The First Generation

The Bay Area Reporter, or B.A.R. as it is generally called, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. In this issue we will attempt to share some of the highlights of these 20 years with you. There are good times as well as bad, highs as well as lows, but always an ever-changing style as writers change, editors come and go and the public, our readers, make their thoughts and wishes known. Every issue of this paper has seen change in this broad community of ours and we have been proud to be able to report and/or commentate on those changes. In reading back through some of our highlights of those years we have the feeling of a strange sense of déjà vu. Many of these same bigoted or narrow-minded groups are still around and still our enemies. We just have to change the name every couple of years from Briggs, Bryant, Davis, Doolittle, Dannemeyer or Helms. Currently we have added the Rev. Lou Sheldon to this group. These people all have the same agenda—divide and conquer, spread untruths, use smear tactics to stop any minority group whether they are gay, people of color, another religious group or anyone else who doesn't conform to their perverted standards of morality. The pattern always remains the same, strike out at these groups to hide the sleaze which is corrupting their own followers.

In these past 20 years the last ten have seen the advent and the ever-blossoming of the deadly disease known as AIDS. The B.A.R. has been the community's chronicler of this disease and has kept up an incredible flow of information on the latest medications, services available, help lines, funding or nonfunding by government. We have tried to explain and inform our readers about the myriad AIDS bureaucracies that have grown up around us. We have tried to do all of these with "up to the minute" reporting. We also have run in excess of 5,000 obituaries in our pages when the straight media had refused to do so. We must never give up hope and we will eventually overcome even this obstacle to our existence. This is the one thing that our detractors don't realize about us. We are resilient and we will overcome. We are the most diverse minority group in the world, encompassing people from all walks of life. There has always been a militancy about the gay movement, from the days of the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society to the current activists, Queer Nation and ACT UP. Our chronicling the past 20 years will show you that.

We have grown from a small bi-weekly 8½ x 10 gossip rag to the nation's largest gay weekly newspaper. This is a fact that all of us at the B.A.R. are proud of. We will strive to maintain our lead. We are also proud to see that B.A.R. is the paper of choice in the Bay Area and is the publication that others emulate. We are the leader in gay newspapers and with our excellent writing staff will remain so.

What makes a gay newspaper available is its advertisers. Without these folks there would be no gay press. Our thanks go to all of them who keep us in the business of supplying the flow of information that is so crucial to the well-being of our community.

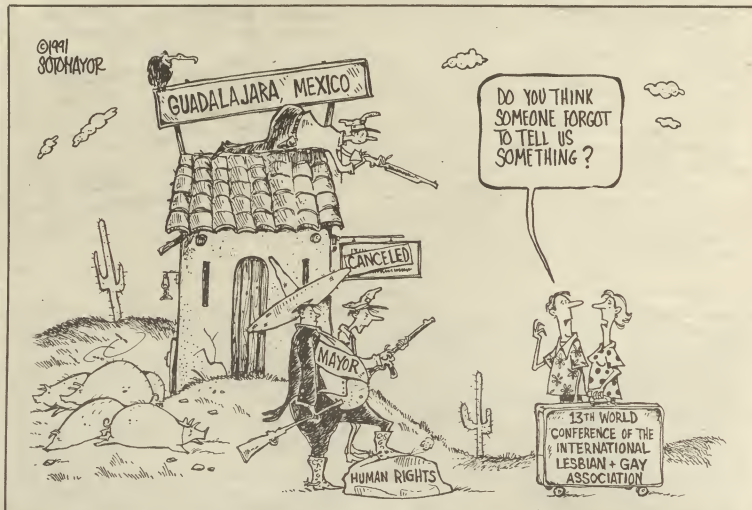
From the office staff, the editors and production crews, our drivers and writing staff, a myriad and eclectic group numbering over 100 persons who have worked hard to bring you this anniversary issue, we hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. In this week of gay pride, walk tall and be proud. We are survivors. Choose life and celebrate.

### Special Thanks

In a week of turmoil with equipment breakdowns and falling behind schedule with some unexpected illness, the production crew and editors as well as the office crew pulled this issue together and got it out on time. A special thanks to Dennis Conkin for all his work and research for our "Generation of B.A.R." To our printers, Waller Press, and our liaison there, Jane Burke, we thank you for your patience and understanding. To all the writers who contributed to this special issue, our largest in size and copies in 20 years. A very special thank you to the unsung heroes, the delivery people of B.A.R., a dedicated group of men and women who make sure you get your B.A.R. on time.

To all, my sincere thanks.

—Bob Ross, Publisher



## Guest Opinion

### Just Sign It

This Lesbian/Gay Pride Weekend you are likely to be approached one or more times by volunteers asking you, "Have you signed it?" They will be referring to two postcards; one opposing current U.S. HIV travel/immigration restrictions and the other in support of AB 101, the lesbian/gay/bisexual civil rights bill.

If everyone who is approached agrees to sign both cards, we will have made history in a single afternoon. We will have delivered the biggest, most effective letter-writing campaign in the history of the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer community worldwide. For the first time, we will have beaten bigots like Rev. Lou Sheldon and Rep. William Dannemeyer at their own game. And, unlike them, we will have done it by simply telling the truth. Additionally, we will have sent a powerful message to those politicians who doubt our ability to organize this kind of a campaign. Not bad for the price of two signatures.

But before you start celebrating, I want to point out the great big "IF" that started the last paragraph: "If everyone who is approached agrees to sign both cards." That's quite an "IF!" Here's some other "IFs" for you.

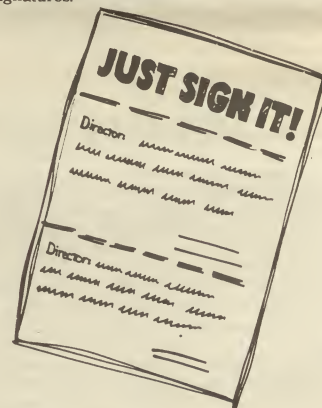
If you don't take a minute to sign the cards, those politicians wavering on AB 101 will likely vote it down, figuring they have nothing to lose from a group that can't even get a lousy signature.

If you don't take a minute to sign the cards, it will be a lot easier for Sheldon to raise money for his upcoming campaign to nullify all of San Francisco's current lesbian/gay civil rights statutes and ordinances.

If you don't take a minute to sign the cards, your HIV-positive friends from abroad will not be allowed to enter the United States for a visit, for treatment, or for any other reason.

And perhaps most frightening of all, if you don't take a minute to sign the cards, Dannemeyer will have succeeded in making his idea of HIV health policy the law of the land.

Quite a price to pay for the lack of two signatures.



So, this weekend when someone asks you, "Have you signed it?" Just sign it. If no one asks you to sign it, find out where you can sign it. And if you've already signed it, make sure all your friends have signed it.

Finally, we still need lots more volunteers to ask people to sign it. We only need an hour or so of your time before, during, or after the parade. To volunteer or for more information, call us at 863-4676.

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## Letters

### New American Fascism

★ The recent rally by Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) against AB 101 in Sacramento should be a clear and loud signal of the rise of a new American fascism.

As reported in the B.A.R. and elsewhere, the rally had one purpose — hatred. And by any measure, this was one of the sickest and most hate-filled rallies ever held in our state.

Sheldon even lured young children from a local high school to perform at this hate-a-thon by using lies and deceit that they were to attend a "family day" celebration. Many of the children were visibly shaken by the violence they heard vomiting out of the mouths of Sheldon and his right-wing thugs.

Other children were baited into serving as "security" by being told that gays would disrupt the rally. This rally has shown how evil Lou Sheldon and his ilk are when they would lie their way into a public school in order to molest and poison the minds of young kids.

This new American brand of fascism must be exposed and confronted for what it is. Unlike their counterparts of 60 years ago, they do not meet in beer halls and wear uniforms while singing march music. Today, they meet in churches, wrap themselves in flags and sing praises to their intolerance.

Many gays died in concentration camps and gas chambers early in this century for the "crime" of being gay. Today, a new generation of hatemongers are working hard to reach a new, modern version of the "final solution."

It will happen if we are willing to acquiesce and not confront these monsters. Gay rights were not given to us by a kindlier and gentler straight majority. We fought for it, demanded it, and insisted on our rightful place in society.

Our greatest strength is our sense of community, our compassion for each other and our pride in each other. We know that a gay and lesbian culture exists. Walk in the Castro and you can feel it. Attend the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day events and it will surround you.

Slimy preachers like Lou Sheldon can only succeed if we choose to do nothing. Our cause is right. It is something people have been fighting for since the beginning of time. It is the right to exist, the right to be free and, for us, the right to love.

We cannot expect straights, no matter how liberal, to advance our rights unless we ourselves are willing to do it first. See you on Freedom Day!

Patrick Tifer  
San Francisco

### Thanks Bay Area Supporters

★ What may seem like a normal yearly event for our brothers and sisters in large urban areas like San Francisco, to have a Gay and Lesbian Pride Day Parade and Festival in Central California is a *major* event!

We would like to thank all the Bay Area groups that marched in the parade and gave us moral support. The networking between groups and areas was instrumental in making our first event a success.

Believe me, the look on the Klansmen's faces when they saw the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence was worth the entire effort.

Again, Bay Area brothers and sisters, thanks for your support.

Victor Kral  
Fresno, CA

### Whatever Happened to ...?

★ Whatever happened to gay pride? The kind that brought chills down my spine and tears to my eyes? Not that once-a-year kind on Market Street or Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood — but the kind that stays with you spring, summer, winter and fall — the gay flags blowing from the most beautiful Victorians on Sanchez; the hugs and kisses when spotting an old friend at Studio One on LaPeer Street in Los Angeles, the cheering ovation for the AIDS afflicted courageous enough to make it just one more time, one last Christopher Street parade, the unity of spirit in every gay man and woman that brought us together to squelch the clamoring of all the Bryants, Dannemeyers, the Helmses, the Bushes and yes, even the United States Supreme Court.

I'm only 34 and I've seen so much change since 1976 when a proud group of bathing-suit-clad queers at Will Rogers State Beach stood up to a riot squad contingent of the Los Angeles Police Department bashing two of our gay brothers at the seashore. Nothing made me feel so exuberant and so free as holding hands cruising Santa Monica Blvd. with my lover and with our friends, Joel and Steven, at the New Town Saloon. It was our street, our community, our world — we were alive!

The same strangers who formerly called us faggots and dykes are now buying into our neighborhoods both in West Hollywood and in the Castro — the same people who snickered at us in our markets and voted against us at the polls.

They hold hands on 18th and Castro and at the Mayfair Market in West Hollywood without incident. Without verbal insults or "heterosexual bashing." We hold hands in the Mission District or Beverly Hills without so much as a negative comment — no way!

I'm not suggesting "kill a straight for Christ" to paraphrase a comment made by several Anita Bryant supporters in the late '70s. I'm begging our communi-

ty: let's not lose what little we still have. Let's hang our rainbow flags all-year round, not just the last week of June. Let's hug each other more, kiss each other more on the Castro and in West Hollywood. We need to let the heterosexuals know our tolerance and our love have allowed them the opportunity to move into the communities we created when we were not allowed openly into theirs!

Coming out and being proud of being gay is only an irritating notion if you're still in the closet.

Laura Butler  
Just Another Nondescript Lipstick Lesbian  
San Francisco

### Swift Action Required

★ The recent upsurge in hate crimes against gay and lesbian people is deeply disturbing. It's part of an appalling increase in brutal homophobic, anti-Semitic and racist attacks throughout California. This rash of hate violence requires swift action to prevent future incidents.

But simply punishing the perpetrators of hate crimes is not enough. We must expand the gains we've made in civil rights to insure that all Californians are protected from the discrimination that fuels prejudice-inspired crimes.

Legislation to accomplish these important goals is currently pending in the state Legislature.

I am sponsoring Senate Bill 98 (Lockyer) to increase significantly civil and criminal penalties for hate crimes. This legislation will give hate crime victims the tools they need to fight back. Senate Bill 98 passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee on June 19th. This legislation will be heard by the Assembly Public Safety Committee on July 2.

Related legislation, Assembly Bill 1009 (Roybal-Allard) adds gender to the list of protective categories to which the provisions of SB 98 apply. This bill will firmly establish in law the fact that rape and domestic violence are essentially hate crimes directed against women. The bill is currently on the suspense file pending further action by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

As you know AB 101 (Friedman) prohibits discrimination in employment and housing on the basis of sexual orientation under the Fair Employment and Housing Act of California. Until this vitally important legislation is approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, we will not be able to truly say we have equal protection under the law for all Californians. The bill is currently in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

I thank you in advance for joining me in support of these extremely important pieces of legislation.

Leo McCarthy, Lieutenant Governor  
State of California  
Sacramento, CA

### The Holocaust Now

The following letter was sent to the Northern California Jewish Bulletin.

★ I am a mother of a gay son. My husband Howard and I recently spoke on a parents' panel at the 12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews.

When we were first asked to speak out as parents, I wondered what relevance this had to my being Jewish.

Society tells your children it is wrong to be who they are, that they are sick, sinful, an abomination. They are often rejected by their parents or, at best, tolerated; their lives not discussed or shared.

When my sons were small, they attended religious school. They learned about the Holocaust — how Jews were persecuted for just being who they are. They were told never to forget. It could happen again.

Today, gays are taunted by gangs of skinheads, bashed with clubs right outside the front doors of their homes. My son has been threatened for simply holding hands with another man. He now carries Mace in his pocket. We do not have to wait for the Holocaust to happen. It is happening right now to our children. My son, my husband and I wear a purple triangle on our shirts in memory of the gays and lesbians killed during the Holocaust.

We as parents cannot turn our backs. By denying our gay and lesbian children love and acceptance, we are helping to breed a world where brutality, ignorance and violence take control. Our love and open support for our children will help eradicate a world of ignorance, hatred and fear.

Laura Siegel  
Pacifica, CA

### Not Homophobic Behavior

★ In the event the response time of the San Francisco Police Department was unusually long on Saturday night, June 2, I can tell you what activities occupied the time of at least two of "San Francisco's Finest." They were busy at 12:20 a.m. ticketing the 15 to 20 motorcycles parked neatly in a straight row on the sidewalk outside the Eagle Bar.

I am certain that the citizens of San Francisco rested more peacefully that night knowing they had been protected from this deadly menace. And I am even more sure that this activity could in no way be construed as homophobic behavior on the part of the officers involved.

Robert L. Shedd  
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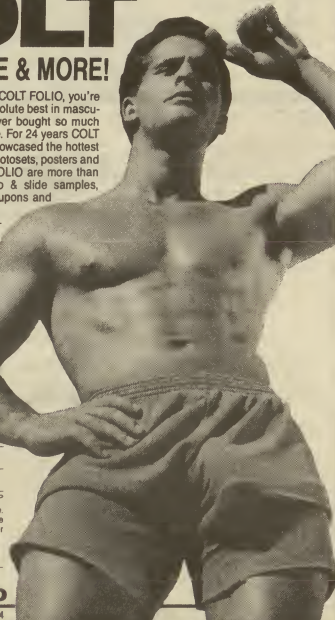
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## Wayne Friday

# AB 101 Won't Be the End of It

**A**B 101, California's gay rights bill, is expected to soon be heard in the Assembly, where it now sits in the important Ways & Means Committee, and most Sacramento observers expect the legislation to pass the full Assembly on a close vote.

Gov. Pete Wilson, a Republican, has indicated he will sign the legislation into law if it reaches his desk. But how does AB 101 sit with the California Republican Party?

Well, homosexual rights is a very divisive issue among the state's Republicans. The party's hardline religious right conservatives are bitterly opposed to AB 101 while the more moderate Republicans are a bit more tolerant of gay rights.

While public posturing by right wing anti-gay Republicans such as William Dannemeyer, John Doolittle, Gil Ferguson and other GOP homophobes indicate they oppose passage of the gay rights bill, there is actually quiet hope among some — particularly Dannemeyer — that AB 101 does become law.

In this case, backers of the bigoted congressman, an announced candidate for U.S. Senate against incumbent John Seymour in next June's primary, would probably launch a statewide referendum against the law for the June 1992 ballot. This would give Dannemeyer just the campaign issue in a primary fight he needs against Seymour. Dannemeyer delights in telling whomever will listen that Seymour is pro-homosexual.

Gay rights being the issue that it is to inflame the religious right, a referendum on the issue on the same primary ballot would bring out the pro-Dannemeyer bigoted Republicans in droves — meaning big trouble for John Seymour. An issue as controversial as gay rights would guarantee a primary battle between Seymour and Dannemeyer of such bitter proportions that probably neither Republican could survive a general election in November against Dianne Feinstein, the expected Democratic nominee.

The real bad news in this threatened June 1992 ballot measure against AB 101 is that it would probably be worded to contain language banning the California Legislature from ever enacting gay rights legislation, similar to a law that Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition pushed through in Irvine, where they repealed a gay rights city law.

Key members of the California Assembly — both Democrats and Republicans — have told the *Bay Area Reporter* that, despite a well-orchestrated campaign against it by religious fanatics such as Sheldon, AB 101 should become law within weeks.

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### People & Politics

Seething motorists — who the hell "organized" (?) Sunday's San Francisco Marathon? This snafu brought one of the worst traffic foul-ups in the city in years. Hundreds of cars were held up for hours while these Sunday morning



How about an Al Gore-Dianne Feinstein ticket?

runners took over the streets. People missed appointments, travelers missed their planes at the airport and tempers flared while cops and kids with orange flags stood at intersections all along the marathon route refusing to let cars move and offering little, if any, information. Let's hope the Mayor's Office takes a good look at this mess before the next time.

**S**an Jose Mayor Susan Hammer and a group of that city's citizens are very quietly — and some think effectively — pulling out all stops to get the Giants to that city, and I say again that I think the powers that be in San Francisco aren't doing enough to keep the team from getting away — until it's too late.

U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell, a candidate for the GOP Senate nomination for the seat being vacated by Alan Cranston next year, received a letter the other day from conservative Bruce Herschenson, his primary opponent, asking for a contribution to his campaign. Campbell assures Herschenson that the check is *not* in the mail.

In Washington, they're saying the White House chief of staff, called "an arrogant bastard" by most behind his back, is trying the patience of his boss, President Bush, and many are predicting that Sununu will be gone within six weeks.

Dick Roberts, a loyal reader, writes asking about the disparity among Washington representatives. He points out that the state of South Dakota with a population of 700,000 has the same amount of U.S. senators as does California with a 30 million population. He also points out — correctly — that California voters, due to the late primary process, are deprived of a voice in nominating the presidential nominees.

At Dianne Feinstein's big birthday dinner Friday night at the Fairmont, Tennessee Senator Al Gore was the guest speaker. As Gore approached a table of Feinstein supporters, being introduced by party fundraiser Duane Garrett, one man commented to Gore that "a Gore-Feinstein ticket would be good next year." Gore smiled, but Garrett, a loyal Feinstein backer, snapped, "No, how about a Feinstein-Gore ticket instead?"

I don't know how many votes it means, but Jordan for mayor workers seem to be everywhere.

Mayor Art Agnos received a standing ovation at the Castro Theatre opening of the Gay & Lesbian Film Festival last Friday night.

The San Francisco chapter of the National Organization for Women last week endorsed Richard Hongisto for mayor.

Gay and lesbian activists in Kansas City who were instrumental in Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver's last campaign vow they will get even when the mayor seeks re-election because he refused last week to recognize the week as Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. An aide to the mayor, who has received strong support from the gay community in the past, says the mayor's decision was made to "prevent division in the city."

Last week's International AIDS Conference in Florence, Italy, closed with a near-united plea for the U.S. to lift its stupid regulations barring entry to AIDS-infected foreigners. Among those calling on President Bush to lift the regulation was longtime campaigner against AIDS, actress Elizabeth Taylor, who attended the conference. Appealing to the Bush administration, Taylor told a news conference that "if you start stamping people's passports you hark back to Nazi Germany."

Democratic Party insiders are saying that the latest California Poll results showing Dianne Feinstein with a whopping 61 percent to 32 percent lead over possible primary opponent Gray Davis will probably discourage Davis from making the race against the former San Francisco mayor.

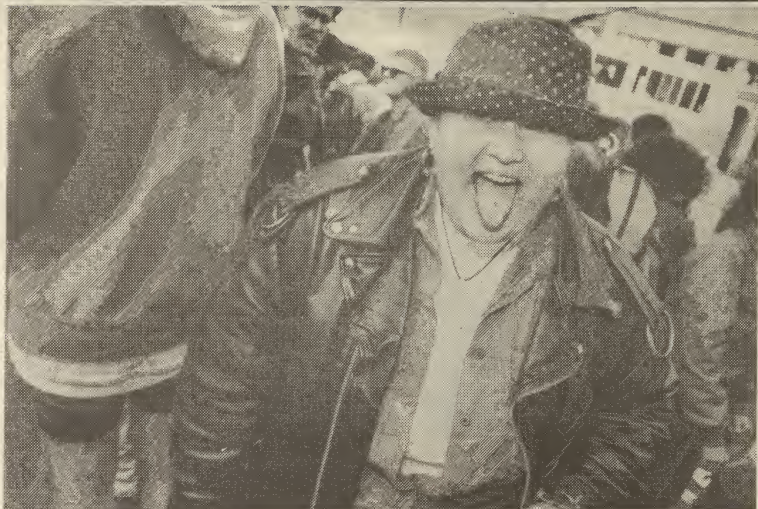
In Los Angeles, a \$5 million award to Marc Christian, the former lover of actor Rock Hudson, was upheld last week by a California state appeals court, meaning the estate will in fact soon be paying off the former bartender-turned-millionaire. Christian had claimed that the late film star did not tell him that he had AIDS during their two-year relationship.

The 31-year-old Christian so far has tested negative for the AIDS virus, but Judge Robert Devich wrote in the appeals court verdict, "We deal with the ultimate in personal horror — the fear of a slow, agonizing, certain death."

Lawyers for Hudson's estate had argued that the award was excessive and that the 1989 trial was prejudiced, but will reportedly not contest the latest court ruling.

Mayor Art Agnos, District Attorney Arlo Smith, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, Assessor Dick Hongisto, Congressmembers Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer and probably every politician in the city will be in Sunday's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade, and we'll see you there.

## Outer Limit



A little tongue action at Let It All Hang Out III.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Snapshots of Queer Pride

by Rachel Pepper

**T**he fat dykes have taken over one Castro Street intersection for their annual Saturday before Pride invasion. It's great to see these women being loud and proud, taking up space, and letting us know that intolerance at their visible presence will not be accepted today. People come in my store, half a block away, and snicker in safety. So much for queer pride.

Franco and Vicky and I sit outside the store, promoting ourselves and the new issue of their lesbian magazine, *Deneuve*. It's a sexy, smart new mag, smacking of the new '90s style version of dyke pride. There are more women on the street today than we ever remember seeing in the Castro, and we are filled with delight at the sight of them all. Many women stop and look at the magazine; some buy it.

One woman pauses long enough just to tell Franco that pricing the mag at four bucks makes it inaccessible to many women. It is hard for me to even think of being polite to women like that anymore. I wonder if she can even imagine how much money, love, and hard work by dykes have gone into bringing each issue of *Deneuve* to fruition.

Does she, I wonder, think lesbians still only deserve roughly formatted newsletters with regurgitated news to read? I wonder aloud if women like that ever get off their complaining asses long enough to create anything new for our community, or if they just criticize women who do. Somehow, I feel like I already know the answer to that one. So much for queer pride.

I'm sitting by myself in a New York cinema watching *Paris Is Burning*; Jennie Livingston's loving documentary about black gay drag culture. As the movie proceeds, I'm filled completely with awe as a whole part of the queer world I've never known about before unfolds before me. An emotion floods me which makes my heart swell and the tears well up in my eyes. Could this be queer pride?

### Big Sister Appears

Out at a club one night and feeling kind of vulnerable, I don't really want to

watch a good friend and an old lover provocatively maul each other on the dance floor. Looking for a distraction, I meet some young dykes I haven't seen around before.

Unused to drinking much, one gets sick and goes outside to throw up. Though I don't know her at all, I go out to her, rub her back, say soothing words. Nobody else really seems to realize what's going on, or maybe they just do not want to get involved.

After all, just because we're all dykes doesn't mean we have to care about each other. And who wants to wreck their illusion of a care-free night out by dealing with some kid puking?

But the big sister instinct in me makes a rare appearance, and I want to wrap her up, take her home, and tuck her in with a teddy bear. When she's done being sick, she looks up at me with wide dark eyes and asks me to dance. All I can do is laugh, sit her down, pat her head, kiss her brow.

Two days later she comes over unannounced, sits on the edge of my bed, and tells me about her life. And it makes me think about this whole incredible new generation of lesbians blossoming up around us in this city. They sneak underage into bars in search of a caring community, and instead find one only too willing to get them trashed, turn them out on their heads, and provide few other alternatives. I think about these women, of their strength, their hope, their fear, their desire, and their resilience in the face of all odds. And, not surprisingly, I feel proud.

As I lay in bed Sunday morning, wondering just how to articulate my almost complete lack of excitement about the upcoming pride celebrations, Alex calls from Maine. It seems no coincidence that he, my roommate, co-worker and confidante, away on a vacation, chooses this particular moment to call.

Alex doesn't really care that he is missing San Francisco's pride celebrations this year. More than even me, perhaps, he is cynical toward the gay community here these days. After all, he asks me, if a plague like AIDS or the loss of women's reproductive freedom or a U.S.-backed world war won't shake most queer people up, what the hell will?

But all is not rosy where he is either. He gets strange looks for his shaved head, his tattoo, his street-smart attitude. He recounts the isolation many queers experience living in an area where driving two hours to the one gay bar constitutes "community."

To those people, I think, San Francisco must seem a dream world — more than a place setting for Armistead Maupin novels and rainbow flags — a last mental escape hatch available before the insanity caused by a lifetime of too many closet doors threatens to close in. We are lucky, we agree, to be full-time queers living in a mecca created for us by a past generation.

So if we have it so good in mecca, we ask one another, why are we so discouraged? Why do we have so much anger, feel such frustration, lack much hope for unity among queers if it means unity at the lowest common denominator — a denominator set by white middle-class gays who hate us because we name ourselves queers and stir up the gay status quo?

We marvel at feeling so disenfranchised from the disenfranchised, flirt briefly with the notion of moving to London together, then realize at the same depressing moment that it's probably pretty similar there. So for now we're stuck here in this beautiful outpost of last resort where cops beat queers and gay-owned Castro street businesses won't call the cops about bashing if they "didn't see it happen." And when Alex sighs, "We have too much to have so many problems," I know exactly what he means.

### Connected to a Concept

A co-worker's lover dies of AIDS and there is a memorial service for him one afternoon. As the wind blows softly around the box holding his ashes, we sit gathered under the poplar trees in the shaded garden and exchange memories of him.

When it comes my turn to speak, I want to shout in anger at this loss, of all the loss around me every day, and at the hypocrisy of not just the government but the activist boys themselves who still, my roommates tell me, won't use condoms when they fuck. Instead, I find my-

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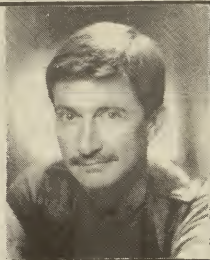
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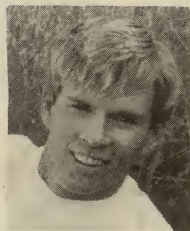
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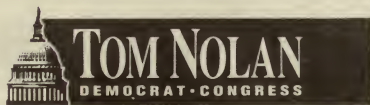


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# NCLR Throws Annual Bash

by Noreen C. Barnes

The National Center for Lesbian Rights will hold its annual bash June 28 at the Wattis Room at Symphony Hall, followed by an evening of "Lush Voices," an all-star cultural event at the Herbst Theatre. At the benefit reception the appointment of Liz Hendrickson to the position of executive director will also be celebrated.

NCLR Associate Director Karen Strauss notes that the NCLR, formerly the Lesbian Rights Project of Equal Rights Advocates, has been operating under its new name and identity for over two years and has developed as an independently managed organization, maintaining its mission to "expand and protect the rights of lesbians, gay men and their families" through a variety of services.

NCLR is a public interest law firm that doesn't just "go to court." The firm also serves as a clearinghouse of information; has published new editions of *AIDS and Child Custody*, an advocacy guide, and *Preserving and Protecting the Families of Lesbians and Gay Men*; and offers an "alternative dispute resolution service," a "workplace project" and special out-



Liz Hendrickson

reach to lesbians of color, among other services.

Strauss stresses that a "broad view is necessary" of what constitutes the expansion and protection of our rights, noting that "it happens in other ways," such as helping gay men in child custody cases or working for women's reproductive rights. Although the priority of the organization is lesbian legal issues, these other areas are important in the fight for civil rights and the realization of a non-sexist society.

Recently, more people

have become aware of and interested in the work of the NCLR, and this spring, the organization acquired over 300 new members — an encouraging sign in economically uncertain times. Upcoming events include a "Speak Out" on July 14 and workshops held in conjunction with BACW (Bay Area Career Women).

Liz Hendrickson, who has been instrumental in LRP/NCLR work for years as a cooperating attorney and a member of the legal advisory committee, will continue to build on the work of interim Executive Director Patti Roberts. Roberts has been with LRP since its inception in 1977, worked closely with former Executive Directors Donna Hitchens and Roberta Achtenberg, and instituted important programming, such as the Workplace Project and the Lesbians of Color Project, while securing vital foundation funding.

The "Lush Voices" benefit will be Hendrickson's "official public welcome" as executive director, according to event producer and NCLR board member Diane Sabin, who calls Hendrickson a woman who "gets things done." It's

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## Outer Limit

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self speaking quietly of family, of community, of how when you're young and queer in San Francisco your community is your family, and how a committed relationship like theirs was a model of the possible for me, and how I was there to pay tribute to that.

The next day, Jim thanks me for coming and for being visibly queer at a gathering comprised mostly of his lover's relatives and straight women friends. It was important to him, he explains to me, especially since there were hardly any gay men of his lover's generation present to represent us.

"They've already all died," he says, and I can barely stand to hear what I already know. And at that sad moment, I feel more connected to some vague concept of community than I have in months, and I feel ashamed that it only happened through

the death of someone I hardly knew.

I watch the parade of tourists passing through the Castro and my store each day now, and I do my best to welcome them, to share their pride in being in mecca for Pride Day. Then I watch them gape at a co-worker's multiple piercings and buy kitschy souvenirs to take back home, and I wonder about my connection to them.

Are pocket address books that say "Pride" on them what queer pride is really all about? Is buying a pink triangle button and wearing it one day a year — on holiday in San Francisco — enough to create social change across the country? I wonder how a day commemorating riots led by drag queens, hustlers and angry butches has so quickly become a vanity holiday for queers whose major political act is the wearing of a T-shirt.

I'm moping in my room the Sunday before Pride, feeling premenstrual, singing along to old Partridge Family

albums and considering queer pride. For all my grumbling, I know that when Pride Sunday comes, I'll be as excited as anyone, as proud as anyone, at the incredible gains our community has made for itself here and, in fact, all over the planet.

Deborah and I will march with Queer Nation and blow our whistles as loud as we can. We'll throw as much dyke attitude as we are able to muster, and cruise and flirt openly in the name of politics, activism, art, flaunting a sexuality we choose to shape for ourselves, each and every day. We'll dance at the tent at Civic Center, ruthlessly roam the grounds, and gear up for a wild night out on the town, trying all the while not to be too critical. For it seems that at least on one day of the year, be it on Gay Pride Day or not, even the most cynical among us deserve a day off.

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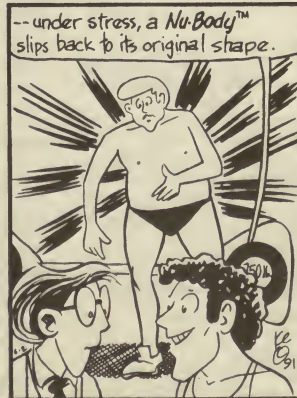
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## MURPHY'S MANOR



by Kurt Erichsen

## Agnos Signs Partners Health Benefits

Mayor Art Agnos signed legislation on June 21 that for the first time makes health coverage available to the domestic partners of city workers.

"We are recognizing that lesbian and gay couples, and heterosexual domestic partners, are families with the same needs and the same rights, as traditional families," Agnos said.

The mayor was joined at the signing ceremony by Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, who championed this issue for two years as the chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Family Policy, and by Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, who sits on the city's Health Services Board and helped secure passage of the measure by that body.

A total of 161 domestic partners have signed up to purchase health coverage in the first year of eligibility, which begins July 1.

Of these, 95 (59 percent) are gays and lesbians, while 66 (41 percent) are heterosexuals. An additional 16 children from domestic partner households have also been added to the health insurance rolls.

The domestic partners and their children pay for health coverage at the same rate as the dependents of married city workers. Only workers themselves receive health care paid for by the city. ▼



Gwenn Craig, Police Commission vice president.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Craig Should Resign, POA Chief Says

by Dennis Conkin

Police Commissioner Gwenn Craig should resign her position and be replaced by someone who will judge police misconduct charges fairly and on their merits, the president of the Police Officers Association said at last week's commission meeting.

POA President Al Triguero also announced that the group's attorneys are preparing a ballot measure that would propose district elections of Police Commission members. The measure will be placed on the ballot through the petition initiative process.

The decision was sparked by the recent 45 day suspension of Capt. Richard Cairns

for misconduct against two protesters during the Oct. 6 Castro Street incident.

"The commission's decision to suspend Cairns indicates that enforcement of the law will be done selectively and only with regard to the political climate of the moment," Triguero charged.

Although he said the commission's record in the majority of police discipline cases was good, he said that the suspension of Cairns was motivated by "the prevailing political climate."

Triguero said that "such decisions send a message to officers that they could lose their jobs through 'legitimate enforcement action.'"

The commission ruled that

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## Community Disputes Force Pink Saturday To Relocate Stage

by Vicky Greenbaum

Pink Saturday, slated to be held June 29 on the eve of the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, has been in jeopardy for the past week due to community disputes.

On June 19 Frameline, organizers of the International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, asked the Police Commission to revoke Joker Productions' permit for Pink Saturday because the placement of the sound stage at Market and Castro streets would disturb the viewing of films in the Castro Theatre.

The sound stage will feature bands and other performers using amplification.

Tom DiMaria, Frameline's executive director, said that the level of sound emanating from the platform would be heard throughout the block and possibly in the theatre as well. Film showings at the Castro Theatre on June 29 begin at noon and continue until around midnight.

On June 24, Frameline agreed to consider resolution of the dispute when Joker Productions tentatively agreed to split the stage and move it to Castro and 19th and Market and Noe loca-

tions. Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint at 3583 16th, right off Noe and Market, had no comment on the move.

Earlier, contention surrounded the permit application process. Ken Bunch, of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that when the Sisters planned to put on the event now known as Pink Saturday, Gilbert Baker, who was part of the planning group, changed the address on the permit form in order to have the permit sent to Joker Productions.

Joe Van Es-Ballesteros, of Joker Productions, said, "I don't know — that would be a question best put to Gilbert. I came in rather late in the permit process."

About the preparations for Pink Saturday, Van Es-Ballesteros said, "This is a massive event. We have 50 porta-potties, 200 trash cans, their placement all worked out with area merchants. The collection of donations is going to be strictly monitored — and they are free-will donations. There seems to have been some confusion about that."

Gilbert Baker could not be reached for comment before press time. ▼

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## Hundreds Turn Out For Fat Dykes III

by Nancy Boutillier

People laughed and joined with Sylvia Cohen in singing the "Fat Girl Blues." The slogans and buttons were sure to bring smiles — A waist is a terrible thing to mind, A woman of substance, Life in the fat lane. But the Fat Dykes From Hell who sponsored the third annual "Let It All Hang Out Day" in the Castro on June 22 were making no jokes about why they chose to dance in the streets.

According to Susan McAllister, one of the event organizers, Fat Dykes in the Castro began "in response to a vicious letter — high-level vicious — that was filled with anti-fat comments" that appeared in the *Bay Area Reporter* in spring 1989.

"The letter said that fat dykes in the Castro were disgusting, that they ought to look in the mirror," McAllister said.

When the women who founded Fat Dykes From Hell looked in the mirror, they liked what they saw and invited everyone to join them in a celebration of fat dykes and the diversity of the lesbian and gay community.

"It's about fat dyke pride," said Marilyn Kalman, who



Annual Fat Dykes Fest at Harvey Milk Plaza.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

has been a fat activist for more than 10 years. "We feel a need to put it out that we are here. It's a political action and a good time too!"

The dancing in the square was certainly evidence of the good time that people in their various degrees of fatness were having. The corner of Market Street and Castro was filled with about 200 people all afternoon, but there was enough turnover to suggest that the total number proba-

bly doubled that.

T-shirts were available in sizes ranging from XL to 6X, and dancers sported lingerie in a full range of sizes as well.

Representatives from FAT LIP Readers Theatre passed out literature about fat oppression and fat liberation, which outlined the ways in which hatred, ridicule and discrimination often target fat people.

"We want thin women to (Continued on page 31)

## Witnesses Urge Sexual Sanctuary

by Nancy Boutillier

Supervisors Roberta Achtenberg, Harry Britt and Carole Migden convened a community hearing on June 24 at the State Building on Golden Gate Avenue to compile testimony they hope will move them forward in their efforts to legislate protection for sexual minorities.

"It's together ahead," said Achtenberg, and Britt joined in with the theme of this year's Gay Pride celebration by adding, "Hand in hand."

Britt emphasized the need to "take time during the week of lesbian and gay pride to remind ourselves that we are still criminals in the eyes of the law."

In her opening remarks, Achtenberg said, "We have called people to gather here tonight and give the best testimony about what it means to be us," and she promised that the information collected would be "put to good and constructive use."

Achtenberg said that she expected an "educational, even revolutionary" report to emerge from the testimony.

Three supervisors, three hours of open microphone and about three dozen speakers added up to "a spirited event," according to Migden, who noted that the speakers were both "passionate and articulate" around issues of persecution and discrimination.

Mary Dunlap, a civil rights attorney, outlined the ways that the military and the courts systematically fail to live up to the "promises of our Constitution."

Lesbian activist Phyllis Lyon spoke of the "persecution and prosecution" of gays and lesbians that she has witnessed throughout her life of activism.

Pat Norman, founder of the Lesbian Mothers Union, read from a homophobic letter by the Rev. James Adams to illustrate the ways in which "people persecute us for being who we are and not who they want us to be." She claimed that "without legislation, we're not going to

change the way people look at us."

Monica Hernandez of the Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Services/HIV Task Force explained how the mandatory HIV testing of immigrants and refugees is used to "target 'undesirables' rather than to stop the flow of AIDS into this country."

She claimed that while the government asserts that the testing helps keep AIDS from coming into this country, the majority of immigrants and refugees testing seropositive "have lived in the United States for over nine years and probably contracted the virus here."

Ignatius Bau, a staff attorney at the San Francisco Lawyers' Committee for Urban Affairs, said, "A person with HIV who does not have a legal or permanent immigration status needs anonymity and confidentiality more than anything else — for these gay men, their immigration status is a closet that even the gay community does not recognize."

Mitch Grobeson of the San Francisco Police Department explained that "San Francisco became my sanctuary" when he was run out of the Los Angeles Police Department after his sexual orientation became known.

"I was harassed. I was denied backup," said Grobeson, as he outlined the hatred he faced for three years before moving to San Francisco to join the police force here.

Because written testimonies will also be included in the process, Migden said that the supervisors "hope to hear from some more people."

The task ahead of the supervisors is, according to Achtenberg, "the difficult work of constructing a report that will make this live for the people who read it."

Migden outlined the steps for the future by saying, "We'll put it together, sit down, and brainstorm. Then see if there's legislation that's appropriate." ▼

## Charges Dropped In Klan De-Hooding

by Nancy Boutillier

The Fresno district attorney dismissed all charges against Glen Bates, the hairdresser-turned-activist who was arrested for grand theft personal by Fresno police on June 16 for stripping a man of his Ku Klux Klan hood at the Fresno Gay Pride Parade.

Bates, 21, called his arraignment "a big letdown," because he had hoped to stand face to face with the Klan.

No Klan presence was evident at the court house the morning of the arraignment, June 21, in Fresno.

"I am victorious," said Bates, who felt that his triumph over the Klan could be measured by his willingness to be out of the closet and their need to hide.



Glen Bates

"Apparently the Klan didn't want to show their face in court," said Bates, "and the district attorney's office didn't want to look like they were siding with the Klan."

Bates said he had no regrets. "If I could do it again, I would grab two hats," he said, (Continued on page 31)



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## Safe House Program To Target Violence

by Vicky Greenbaum

On summer weekends from the corner of 18th and Castro, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will distribute placards saying, "Stop The Violence — If you are in trouble, ring here."

A bright pink triangle in the center of each placard is designed to be visible from up to 50 feet away. Any gay person who is threatened by violence would be able to seek assistance from houses and businesses with the placard in the window.

Anti-gay/lesbian violence has been escalating in San Francisco. Every year as Pride Month and Freedom Day bring greater visibility to the gay community, hate

crimes increase and many in the community feel unsafe.

Recent incidents, like the parking dispute attack in the Castro and the videotaped San Jose bashing, make the community aware that even in friendly neighborhoods we may be vulnerable.

According to Sister Roma, "This campaign will offer victims a 'safe house' and will help to build personal commitment on the part of the resident who displays the placard."

Safe houses for seniors and children are common in many communities nationwide. This is the first safe-house campaign for lesbians and gay men anywhere in the United States. ▼

## Activist Appointed City College Instructor

Jonathan Katz has been appointed an instructor in the Gay and Lesbian Studies department of City College of San Francisco, pending approval of the Community College Board.

"I'm going to be teaching a course in lesbian and gay studies in art and culture," Katz told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Katz's appointment makes him the first full-time lesbian and gay studies instructor in the United States.

"I'm elated. This is the job I've worked 12 years for. It would be irrelevant to my existence as a scholar to do anything other than queer studies," he said.

Katz, 32, is a doctoral candidate at Northwestern University. He received a master's degree in contemporary critical theory from the University of Chicago.

An art historian, Katz is the founder and first chair of

the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the College Art Association.

A member of Queer Nation, Katz was an organizer of the protests regarding the filming of *Basic Instinct* in San Francisco in April and May.

Criticized by some as a "media queen" Katz says that criticism from the right — and the left — comes with the turf.

"I think part of the job description of an activist is to be a target. One has to quickly develop a kind of thick skin," he said. "The right has never understood that the best way to handle the left is to leave it alone and it will destroy itself."

Scholarship and activism are "intimately tied," according to Katz.

Katz's appointment to the post must be confirmed by the college board before the beginning of the fall academic term. ▼

## Activists Target Police Chief's Decision to Ride in Gay Parade

by Keith Clark

San Francisco Police Chief Willis Casey's decision to ride in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade is drawing the ire of the activist community.

Casey last week gave a thumbs up not only for the department to have its usual recruiting booth at Freedom Day Celebration as it has in the past, but also gave the green light for uniformed lesbian and gay cops, for the first time, to be a part of the parade itself. And he said he would join them.

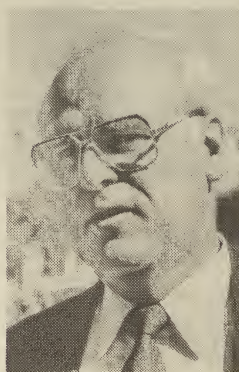
It is believed to be the first time uniformed lesbian and gay officers or the police chief of a major city have participated in any of the gay parades that celebrate the Stonewall Inn Riots in New York in 1969, the beginning of the contemporary gay rights movement in this country.

Activists connected with the ad hoc group "Bad Cop-No Donut" last week also sent the chief a letter, "dis-inviting" him in the name of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

They are angered over what they see as unsatisfactory disciplinary action handed out to Capt. Richard Cairns by the Police Commission earlier this month.

Cairns was disciplined concerning his actions during the Oct. 6, 1989, ACTUP demonstration in the Castro.

The activists told Casey "your presence at our parade this year is not desired" and



Chief Willis Casey

suggested he spend the time instead reflecting on the role police should play toward the citizens of the City.

Casey, even before the dis-invitation, had no illusions about past and continuing tensions between the City's politically aggressive activists and police.

"We've had problems before — the Oct. 6 thing and prior incidents, that wasn't the only one," Casey told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

But he also underscored that it's time to begin turning that tension around.

"I wanted to make a statement as chief of Police that the department in no way is at odds with the lesbian and gay community," Casey said.

"I felt that a statement had to be made, and that's pretty much all that was behind it."

The intensity of that tension isn't to be underestimated,

ed, however. A battle is still swirling between and within the Police Commission, the Office of Citizen Complaints, the Police Officers Association and the SFPD itself over police actions during the Oct. 6, 1989, sweep of the Castro.

Threatening to turn the heat up several notches, this week activists indicated they might disrupt the parade itself if Casey participated.

Against that backdrop of strained relations, a half-dozen or so Community Police Officer Program motorbike officers along with more than a dozen officers on foot will nevertheless make history Sunday by donning their uniforms to join for the first time their community in its annual mammoth blow-out celebration.

How the officers in uniform got to this historic point was simple, according to Casey: they asked him if they could. Somewhat to their happy surprise, Casey said yes. But Casey's surprise was that it had never been done before.

"The decision was theirs," Casey said. "They more or less asked if it would be all right for them to be in the parade. I just said, Yeah, sure. It's the largest parade in the City by far, and I have police officers who are lesbians and gay. To me it was a very natural thing that they'd be in the parade. It really wasn't a decision that had to be made on my part. It was something that was just automatically granted. It was a surprise to

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### Shanti Appointment

Shanti Project Executive Director Eric Rofes (right) with newly appointed Deputy Director Melinda Paras.

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## Sonoma County's 1st Gay Pride Parade

by John De Salvio

About 600 people marched in Sonoma County's first Lesbian and Gay Pride parade on June 23.

A cloudy and chilly morning plus fears of a hostile reception may have kept the turnout low along Santa Rosa's Mendocino Avenue.

"This is our first annual parade," said organizer Caren Callahan, emphasizing the "annual."

The parade was well-received by about 1,000 people who lined the 20-block route

from the Santa Rosa Junior College Campus to Juilliard Park.

There was no evidence of hostility anywhere along the route. Two churches let out their congregations and some people smiled at the marchers.

The parade was led by a dozen Dykes on Bikes and about two dozen groups participated.

The marchers included two Metropolitan Community Church congregations, three theater groups, Parents and

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### Concord Ordinance in Jeopardy

## TVC Petitions May Force Gay Rights Referendum

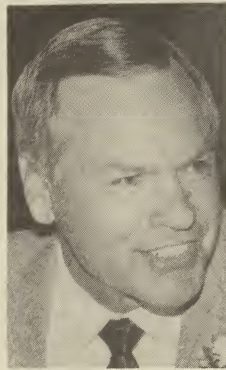
by Keith Clark

The Concord branch of the Traditional Values Coalition June 21 turned in petitions with some 8,200 signatures to prevent the city government from dealing with issues of sexual orientation without majority approval of the voters of Concord.

The move comes one week after the Rev. Lou Sheldon launched a state initiative drive aimed at barring the California Legislature from enacting any law dealing with sexual orientation.

The petition, which needs 5,692 valid signatures of Concord voters, would not only remove sexual orientation from the city's recently passed human rights ordinance but would amend the municipal code to prevent the city from enacting "any policy, law, ordinance or resolution that directly or indirectly defines sexual orientation, homosexuality, bisexuality, sexual preference, or gay or lesbian conduct as a fundamental human right."

The petitions will be turned over to the county this week for verification of the signatures. If the required number are authenticated, the issue would be put before the voters on the November ballot.



Lloyd Mashore

Mark Zapalik and Joanne Rizzuto of the Concord TVC formed the ad hoc group Concord United for Fair Law shortly after the City Council enacted the new human rights ordinance earlier this year.

Accompanying them in delivering the petition signatures at City Hall were a handful of supporters, including City Councilmember Lloyd Mashore, who said he would ask the council to amend the human rights legislation according to the TVC initiative and avoid a protracted election fight.

In 1989 Mashore successfully led a bitter voter drive to topple an AIDS anti-bias ordinance that also swept him into office, although the legality of his election has been twice rejected in court because he was not a resident of Concord at the time.

Mashore obliquely threatened that if the city didn't want another divisive election fight, "then now is the time to make peace."

"I want to make it clear that the council is responsible if we go through another four-to-five month fight that leads to the ballot."

The fundamentalist minister also said he wanted the city's Chamber of Commerce, which had supported the new human rights legislation, to change its position.

The initiative petition quoted the 1986 Bowers v Hardwick Supreme Court decision of former Chief Justice Warren Burger, that, "To hold that the act of homosexual sodomy is somehow protected as a fundamental right would be to cast aside millennia of moral teaching."

Zapalik also said it was inappropriate to consider gays and lesbians a minority group because that "has historically meant a group of people that have suffered economic discrimination." ▼

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## Berkeley Broadens Partners Program

by Keith Clark

The Berkeley City Council unanimously approved a resolution June 18 authorizing the extension of its 1984 city workers' domestic partner program to all residents and individuals who work in the city.

Berkeley made history in December 1984 when it became the first U.S. city to pass legislation that coined the term "domestic partners," allowing municipal workers to file an affidavit with the city's personnel office in order to receive employee benefits comparable to married couples.

The new resolution orders that the same program be extended to all residents of Berkeley as well as anyone employed in the city's public or private sector.

Unlike the municipal workers' program, the newly extended partners program carries no specific legal benefits from the city of Berkeley.

The extension of domestic partnerships to non-city workers and Berkeley residents was recommended by City Council Member Ann Chandler and Mayor Loni Hancock in February and has been in an evaluation process by City Manager Michael Brown.

Brown studied the mechanics and response to San Francisco's partners ordinance to determine how Berkeley's city government would likely be impacted by

a similar city-wide program.

The resolution does not itself enact legislation but simply extends the municipal workers' partner plan to open registration among the city's general population.

But it does provide for the City Manager's Office to develop and implement a plan for a citywide domestic partner program to be ready by Oct. 11, which, not coincidentally, is National Coming Out Day.

The resolution instructs the city manager to work closely with community groups, and specifically the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, to develop the actual mechanics of implementing the open registration program in Berkeley. ▼

## Fire at The Woods

An early morning fire yesterday at The Woods, a Russian River gay resort, was confined to the building that housed the bar and dance floor. None of the accommodations, including tourist cabins or the hotel, were affected.

"We're still going to have dancing at the River on the July 4 weekend. Everything will have been relocated by the holiday," said manager Eric Pariser. ▼

# Christians Dub Lesbian a 'Gorilla'

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO — Barbara Gude Waltman sat in Sacramento Municipal Court and anxiously watched the jury as her daughter was variously characterized by self-proclaimed Christians as a "pervert," "an unfit lawyer," "Robo-Dyke," "a deathscort," "an in-your-face-lesbian," "a panting animal," "a gorilla" and "in a testosterone rage."

Alison Gude, 29, of Hayward is on trial for alleged assault and battery on Joseph Farah, editor of the *Sacramento Union*, a right-wing Christian daily.

Gude, a lesbian feminist activist and a newly graduated attorney, is a clinic escort and works with the Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights and the Sacramento equivalent organization, SACORR.

It was outside a clinic on Alhambra Boulevard in Sacramento that Gude claims Farah grabbed her and refused to let go of her arm and she pushed and punched at him to free herself.

In testimony this week Farah claimed he was at the site as "a newsman," that he was attempting to protect a woman who was being "molested by lesbians (indicating Gude) touching her breast and her bottom" and that his hands were in his pockets at all times.

When asked why it took over a month to file charges

against Gude, Farah said he was waiting for the corroboration of a videotape.

According to Farah's testimony he now "is afraid" of Gude because of her potential for physical violence. He accused her of being a member of ACT UP and said he feared for the safety of himself and his family because of reprisals from that group.

When asked by Gude's attorney, Dan Barton of Palo Alto, why the videotape showed him advancing on Gude right after her alleged "attack" when he is so afraid of her violence, Farah said he was "transfixed by her, she was like a panting animal." When asked what kind of animal, Farah characterized her as "a gorilla."

Although the District Attorney wanted to exclude information regarding an incident in which Gude was given a concussion by one of the male Operation Rescue clinic protesters, the judge ruled the issue would "go to reasonableness of her self-defense behavior." At the time she was injured, Gude's glasses were broken, she was treated in an emergency room and made a police report. No action was taken.

"I find it pretty hard to find myself up on charges for something that resulted in no injury, when I was only defending myself from being grabbed and immobilized. They told me they didn't

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## Fundraiser

Latino Artists Against AIDS auctioned off Joey Terrill's acrylic painting, *Remembrance*, for \$25,000 on June 22 in Los Angeles, raising funds for Latino AIDS agencies.

# On Again, Off Again in Sonoma

by Cliff Anchor

Those who rejoiced at the widely reported passage of a Gay Pride Resolution by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors June 18 were somewhat premature. But they were not alone in their confusion, due to the make-up of the board. One supervisor has resigned and another member of the five-person board is on vacation.

The week of June 17-23 was to have been proclaimed Gay Pride Week in the county.

Normally a quorum would be three members of the five-person board. But according to California Government Code Section 25005, for any resolution to pass it would require a unanimous vote by the three board members at

that meeting — a majority of the total board seats, not a majority of those present.

In the case of the Gay Pride Resolution, only two supervisors, Tim Smith and Ernie Carpenter, voted for it, with Supervisor Nick Esposti voting against it.

But many local news sources also reported that the resolution passed, including the *Press-Democrat*, the county's largest daily newspaper, which ran it as a front-page story. KFTY-TV, Channel 50, was even more muddled and did a double correction, at first reporting the resolution did not pass, then the next night reporting that it did, and by Friday's newscast was back to its original story.

Part of the confusion was also caused by the assumption of most present at the

meeting that the switch in vote by Supervisor Tim Smith (who had opposed similar resolutions before) was the swing vote.

Even the board seemed to think it had passed the resolution.

After the vote, Carpenter posed for "victory photos" with civil rights activist-attorney Caren Callaghan.

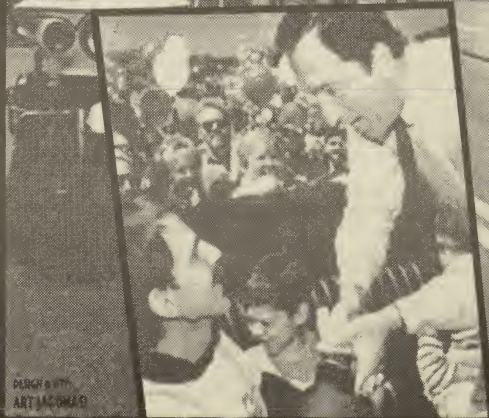
Following the June 18 vote the board declared a recess and the majority of people who had been there for the Gay Pride Resolution left. Jim Botz, county counsel, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the matter was only brought to his attention later by two activists who testified.

Botz said he "sincerely was sorry it lost, because some of the testimony given at the meeting was very moving." ▼

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## State News

# United Way Funding of Scouts Under Scrutiny in Sacramento

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO — Maria Thomas, director of agency relations for United Way of the Sacramento Area, confirmed last week that United Way, like most non-profit agencies, has policies in place guaranteeing affirmative action and non-discrimination.

However, United Way of Sacramento gives \$419,609 annually to the Golden Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America, an agency that keeps a national ineligible volunteer file on homosexuals, grouping them with child molesters, and which will not hire gays or lesbians, use them as volunteers or have them as members.

Thomas was asked if her agency gives money to any gay or lesbian organizations in Sacramento.

"An organization has to apply to us for money," Thomas said. "We don't seek them out."

However, shortly after the interview Thomas called Donna Yutzy, executive director of Sacramento's Gay and Lesbian Lambda Center, to ask why the center had not applied to United Way for grants. Thomas then attempted to arrange a meeting.

Yutzy said that she would probably meet with United Way representatives but that she had heard from other agencies that receive United Way grants that the terms, especially to small agencies, are "so onerous that it almost isn't worth it."

Thomas then called Boy Scout Executive Director Robert Mazzuca and informed him that inquiries



were being made by the Bay Area Reporter.

Thomas refused to put her supervisor on the line when in response to an inquiry as to whether it was in Thomas' job description to warn the Boy Scouts about a telephone inquiry.

"It is our policy that as a courtesy we call member agencies and tell them if we receive a call from a reporter," Thomas said.

A check with United Way in the Bay Area indicates that, indeed, it is not a policy of United Way to inform member agencies about inquiries.

Concerning Boy Scout policy not to hire or have volunteers or members who are gay or lesbian, Mazzuca said, "Locally we have no control,

but I agree with the national policy. We have to determine leadership and membership standards. The homosexual lifestyle is not consistent with the role models that we desire to attempt to provide for young people."

Mazzuca said that the ineligible volunteer file was kept at the national level and that any information about an ineligible person was "shared with the national organization and every volunteer is checked through national."

Mazzuca said that although gays and lesbians were on the same list as child molesters, "this is in no way connected with pedophilia, Boy Scouts of America is not alleging that."

He said the policy applied in employment as well as volunteers because all employees are registered leaders in Boys Scouts of America.

According to United Way's Thomas, in order to see if their non-discrimination policies would affect the grants to the Golden Empire Council of the Boy Scouts, local gays and lesbians "would have to go to the board of directors and see what they decide."

Meanwhile, in San Francisco last week as more than 100 scout packs, troops and Explorer posts gathered in downtown Oakland at the Kaiser Center for their annual Scout-o-ramablowout, local representatives of the Boy Scouts, challenged over the group's refusal to admit gays, continued to refuse to meet with rights activists and community leaders about the issue. ▼

## Gay Sperm Donor Files Paternity Suit

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO — Yolo County Superior Court Judge Donna Petrie will decide in July whether a private sperm donor's suit to claim paternity and joint custody of a baby born to a lesbian couple is valid.

According to a story written by Davis Enterprise reporter Dani Dodge, Andra and Mary Northup arranged two private artificial inseminations with two donors so paternity could not automatically be assumed.

Andra, 39, the biological mother, made the arrangements for one of the sperm donations from a 41-year-old single co-worker who seemingly had no interest in children.

Both Andra and the donor are employed at the State Teachers Retirement System offices in Sacramento.

Andra, who has taken Mary's last name, had been trying to become pregnant for two years. The donor produced sperm into a cup in a private home and handed it to Mary Northup who then inseminated Andra.

The resulting pregnancy culminated in the birth of a baby boy in March 1990. The boy is now 15 months old.

In September, six months after the birth of the child, the plaintiff sued for joint custody and visitation rights.

In spite of the fact that the birth certificate bears the other sperm donor's name, in November Superior Court Judge James Stevens ruled that the blood tests proved that the plaintiff was almost certainly the child's father and ordered child support payments and child visitation rights.

Stevens ruled this was a prima facie case establishing paternity, which means it is up to the mother to establish legally that the plaintiff is not the father.

The California Civil Code states that donors who provide semen to a licensed physician or a sperm bank for use in artificial insemination may not claim paternity. Because the insemination was done in a private home the plaintiff's attorney, Camille Hemmer, claims her client has the right to establish paternity.

Mary Stroube, attorney for the Northups, argues that the women did the insemination following the explicit instructions of a licensed physician and therefore met the requirements of the Civil Code. ▼

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## State News

### LA Parade

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Earlier this month LAPD officer Sue Herold's came out in an interview in *Vanguard*, a Los Angeles gay publication.

Herold, Butler, and Smith were three of six LAPD officers, two California Highway Patrol Officers and one deputy from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who "came out" just before or during the Pride weekend.

The officers are members of Pride Behind the Badge, a loose-knit organization of 150 gay and lesbian sworn peace officers working in Southern California.

Sheriff's Deputy Glen Swanson, 31, a training officer stationed with the Santa Clarita division, said it was a "rough decision" for him to come out and support the PBB action.

However, he said he believed there was "strength in numbers," and hoped his efforts would create "a positive working relationship between the Sheriff's Department and Pride Behind the Badge."

Recently, former Sheriff's Deputy Bruce Boland filed a lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department charging discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Boland marched as part of the "League America" contingent in the Pride Parade but did not join the officers in the recruitment booth.

Former LAPD Sgt. Mitch Grobeson, whose lawsuit against the department prompted the formation of

PBB, was also absent from the booth.

However, Grobeson, who is now an officer with the San Francisco Police Department, said at a news conference that he would march in that parade.

Like Boland, both Smith and LAPD Information Officer Kelly Shea said they were "outed" by "vindictive" people.

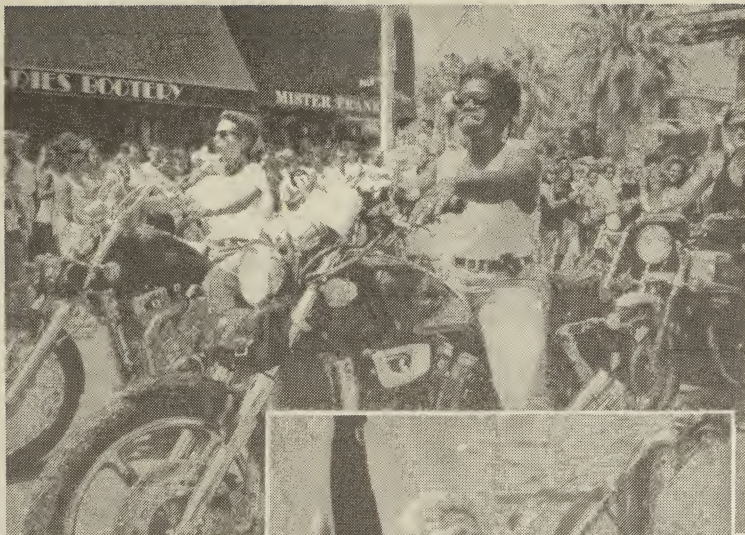
However "that can't happen now," Shea said. "It's like my birthday. I feel reborn," she said, ecstatic about the huge support the officers received.

LAPD Officer Karen Kos said that recruitment efforts went well. She said the officers used official recruitment methods, and only handed out information about the application process to serious prospects, which included several heterosexuals.

By coming out Smith and the other officers inadvertently recruited for Pride Behind the Badge as well, Smith confirming that a number of closeted law enforcement officers disclosed their sexual orientation during private discussions.

The "coming out" of openly gay LAPD officers helped set the upbeat, political tone of the Parade and Festival. For the first time since its inception, Christopher Street West named Assembly Bill 101 as the parade grand marshal.

LIFE Lobby collected more than 50,000 signatures and many of the more than 200 groups marching in the parade carried signs calling for the passage of the gay civil rights bill.



il rights bill.

San Francisco's Drew Siegel and others from Mobilization Against AIDS were also collecting signatures against the Bush administration's HIV immigration policies.

And openly gay San Mateo County Supervisor Tom Nolan, who is running for Congress, helped cut the ribbon to get the Festival under way. Both CSW and the Sheriff's Department estimated that more than 360,000 attended the two-day event.

CSW organizers held their breath through much of the event in anticipation of a much-rumored "liberation" of the festival by Queer Nation symbolically cutting through the fences. ▼



Dykes on Bikes lead the Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade on June 23.

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## Casey

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me that they had not been in the parade before — as police officers. I just felt that a statement had to be made."

Whether Casey gets to make that statement or whether the activists' "disinvitation" and possible disruption brings storm clouds to Sunday's massive event, we won't know for sure until this weekend.

But other officers — lesbians and gay men who wear the uniform of the SFPD — will be joining Dykes on Bikes, Harvey Milk Club Democrats, High Tech Gays and the myriad other troupes and groups, cliques and clagues in adding their police blues to the seemingly endless stripes in the rainbow flag that proclaims we are indeed everywhere.

One of them, Officer Lea Militello, said, "It's an opportunity to show that I'm proud to be a lesbian and I'm equally as proud to be a police officer. And it's important for me to let people know that. In this particular parade, I'm extremely proud that the chief of police has allowed us to do this and that he himself is going to be in the parade. I feel a tremendous amount of pride around that."

Militello also said she was "very angry" about the letter given to Casey "in the name of our whole community."

"I'm a lesbian and I'm part of that community they say they're speaking for. Well, they don't speak for me, and if they disrupt the Parade I think it will be real embarrassing for them — not for us."

## Gorilla

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have enough to prosecute when I had injuries, medical records and witnesses. I can only attribute it to his (Farah) being in a perceived power position as an editor. He claims to be afraid of persecution — but he's been persecuting me," Gude said.

Indeed, Gude's attorney introduced into evidence a letter dated April 1, 1991, on *Sacramento Union* letterhead, which was written by Farah to the Committee of Bar Examiners protesting her application for admission to practice law.

"I am convinced she has no respect for the law whatsoever. Indeed she is a danger to the community. It would be a travesty of justice if she were to become an officer of the court," Farah wrote.

Carolyn Harrison, the woman who was allegedly being defended by Farah, testified that she was being harassed by the clinic defenders, but "I was not sexually molested," she said. She said that Gude was not one of the escorts who was near her. She also admitted having written a lengthy poem to Gude urging her to "come to Jesus."

Other members of the Operation Rescue group were evasive about their connections with one another and with Farah, although Barton's questioning revealed that Farah had done a fundraiser and had other connections with anti-abortion groups.

A defense fund has been set up for Gude by BACORR, write to: Alison's Defense Fund, 5337 College Ave. No. 213, Oakland, CA 94618.

# ***Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week 1991***

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We established the Police Department's first Sensitivity Training Program to teach all officers to respect the special needs of people with AIDS. We established the first Lesbian and Gay Liaison Team and we convinced the International Association of Police Chiefs to rescind their discriminatory policy on sexual orientation.

We created the first Hate Crimes Unit in a major California Police Department to investigate acts of violence against the lesbian and gay community. Together, we put into place the historic Needle Exchange Program to help prevent the spread of AIDS (I was the only Police Chief in America to do so). We supported officers with AIDS and en-



couraged them to continue their work within the department. We participated in numerous AIDS benefits, and we've walked together annually in the AIDS WALK-ATHON.

Hand in hand, we will continue to work together to make San Francisco a better place to live and work. We will work for the passage of AB 101 (The California Lesbian and Gay Rights Bill). We can put an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation. We must strengthen our early intervention programs for people with HIV. Together there is much to be done.

For now, best wishes for a successful Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week!

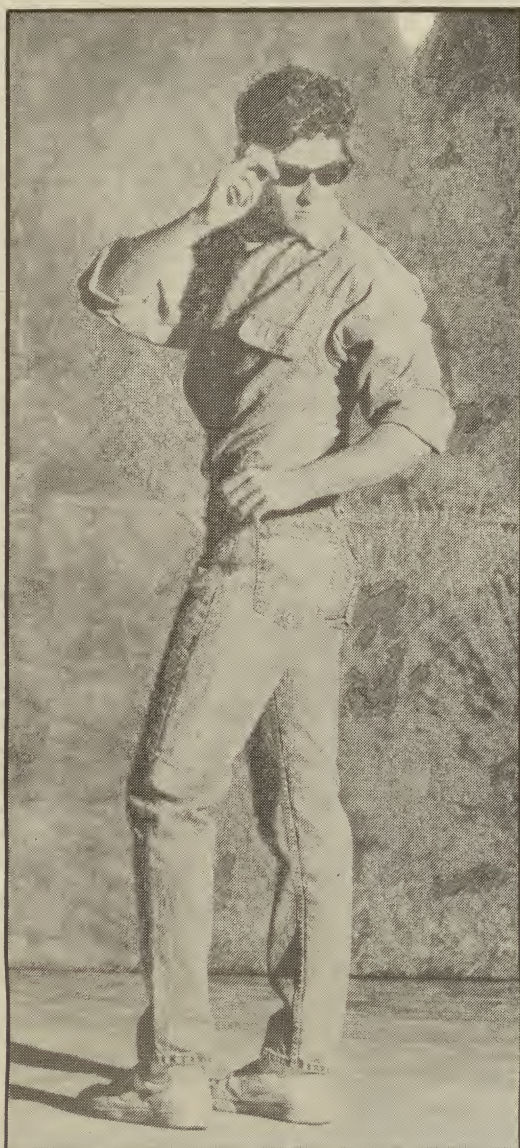
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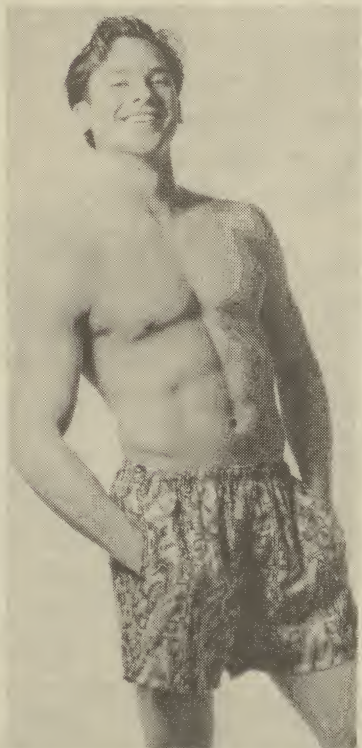
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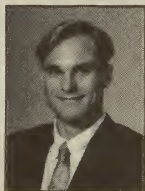
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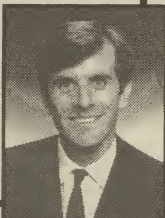
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## Commentary

# We Have a Long Way to Go

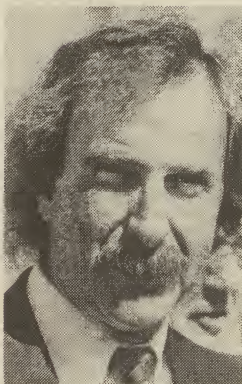
by Tom Nolan

Ever since my election to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in 1984, I have participated in as many Lesbian/Gay Pride functions in California, as possible. I have gone to festivals, parades, marches and assorted other events of our community in San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Sonoma County, Sacramento, Contra Costa County, Alameda County, San Francisco and, of course, San Mateo County.

I have marched in sorrow, in anger and in joy. I have participated in the struggles and celebrations of our community up and down our Golden State and I will continue to do so.

When I speak of the pride I feel in our community, I think of the people I have met who are contributing so very much. Naturally enough, I think of the people I know in public office — Donna Hitchens, Tom Ammann, Roberta Achtenberg, Carole Migden, Tim Wolfred, Gary Miller, Bob Gentry, John Heilman, Mary Morgan, Herb Donaldson and Tom Brougham.

And I think of those who have served in elected office — John Laird, Robert Stipicevich, Steve Schulte, all who



Tom Nolan

have served our community and their larger constituencies well. And I think about all people in all the lesbian/gay/bisexual political groups who work so tirelessly on behalf of us all.

I am well aware, too, of the major contributions of so many in the arts, professions, civic life, the religious community, the media.

I am deeply touched by the enormous, heroic and even saintly contributions made in the HIV epidemic by so many in our community.

And it all comes together in

our great celebrations. Gay Freedom Day is such a wondrous event and such a well-deserved celebration. And that celebration rests upon the work and lives of countless lesbians, gay men and bisexuals.

While we can look at our movement and find that we have a long way to go — and we do — we can also be encouraged and strengthened by the distance we have come.

Professor Derek Bell of Harvard looked over the civil rights struggle and found much to be desired. Despair is one possible conclusion, he said, but he also found that "meaningfulness in life is a by-product of engagement and commitment."

The history of our movement is shaped and formed every day by those who know the truth of Derek Bell's words. Individual and community liberation, and, therefore, meaning are derived from the engagement we bring to the total arena of our lives.

Our community is blessed up and down this state and throughout this country by many, many engaged and committed people and I am grateful to them all.

May every day for each of us see the promise of Gay Freedom Day become ever more real in our lives. ▼

## \$20 Million

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"for the protection" of the community until a jurisdictional hearing can be held to determine the immediate fate of the teen-ager.

The court hearing, equivalent to an arraignment, was held under heavy security out of concerns the highly-publicized case might spark protests by angry gays and lesbians.

Access by reporters to the hearing were severely restricted and spectators, usually permitted in the routine hearings, were barred.

The youth, who is not being identified by authorities because he is legally a minor even though he will turn 18 on July 7, was videotaped repeatedly punching and kicking Kiley as the gay man watered the front lawn of a rental property he owns next door to the youth's family.

Kiley had set up the video in the window of his own home across the street on the advice of a lawyer in the hope of documenting the verbal harassment that he says has been aimed at him by the family for years.

The judge's order to hold the youth is not based on an evaluation of the truth of the charges — two felony assault charges and a hate-motivated crime — but does acknowledge the seriousness of the charges and indicate the youth may be considered potentially dangerous enough to be held.

Authorities said he also faces a previous, unrelated juvenile charge but would not reveal the details of that case.



William Kiley

(Photo: KPIX Videotape)

The 17-year-old surrendered to police June 18, accompanied by his attorney, John McCardle of Hayward.

Because prosecutors decided not to press to have the teen-ager tried as an adult, instead of a trial the youth will face a jurisdictional hearing within two weeks. The judge will review the evidence and determine whether to sustain the charges or not.

If the judge upholds the charges, comparable to an adult conviction, the youth will be declared a ward of the court.

The judge may then put the youth on probation, order him committed to a county juvenile facility, or, if the charges are serious enough, order the youth handed over to the custody of the California Youth Authority.

Kiley has been forced to leave his home because of harassment he has been receiving by groups of young men who have been blocking his driveway. ▼

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# Input Needed From the Oppressed

by Harry Britt

Harvey Milk liked to describe the paradox of lesbian and gay politics as "having one foot in the White House and one foot in the concentration camp." History has proven Harvey right in his insistence that we could become a powerful political force despite enormous obstacles. We have succeeded, in a time of conservative national and state politics, to build an effective political base for our movement.

The bad news is that homophobia still pervades every structure of our society. We are still treated as criminals most places in this country when we exercise our inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness. We are still subject to harassment by police and other agents of our own government. Unresolved social attitudes still give an unspoken mandate to public authorities to protect society from us rather than to protect us from abuse and violence.

The HIV epidemic has given us an extraordinary experience of ourselves as powerful, loving, determined people. Yet people affected by that epidemic are finding new forms of discrimination by a society too confused by fear to offer consistent compassion.

In 1991, it is time to apply the wisdom of the strategies that have empowered us politically to put an end to the treatment of lesbians and gay men as criminals in the United States. There is a long and honorable tradition of trying to change the laws that define us as criminals. We owe a great debt to human rights attorneys who have fought our battles in the courts and to political activists who have sought to influence legislation.

It is also time to recognize, though, that we cannot achieve freedom from legal intimidation until we make use of the weapon that has served us so well in the HIV fight: the telling of the story of our lives in a way that challenges the conscience of America.

Carole Migden, Roberta Achtenberg and I, working with Queer Nation and many other organizations and individuals from our community, are engaging in a campaign to create a climate of safety for our people.

The first step was a community hearing Monday night at which people with firsthand experience of problems with homophobic laws and legal authorities came to tell their stories. That testimony, and information from lawyers and activists involved in this fight, will become an important part of our campaign. We will take that information to our col-



Harry Britt

leagues on the Board of Supervisors and develop strategies for taking the message across the country.

San Francisco has long been a community that has embraced people seeking refuge from abuse by governments and narrow-minded public attitudes. A lot of us came here because we felt frustrated and afraid back home. Our city has become an international symbol of hope for lesbians and gay men that we can live strong and free. We want to see our government affirm that history as a city of refuge and play a role in changing the homophobic institutions and attitudes that still make life so painful for our sisters and brothers in other places.

Two weeks ago I took part in a conference of lesbians and gay men from the desert and mountain states. There were some impressive people there doing great work in places like Utah and Nevada. In many cases, though, they face some very tough realities. I asked them to help us in our campaign by sharing their stories with us. Those of us who enjoy life in San Francisco need to take leadership in our national effort to make America a safe place for people who have been subject to abuse because of homophobia and fear of AIDS.

We need to hear from any of you who know what it feels like to live as criminals because of who you are. Please let us hear your story. Together, the stories of our lives are a powerful weapon for social change. We are proud and strong, but we are not yet able to live in safety in our own country.

A new century is coming. We still have time to make it a century free from fear for all our people. There can be no greater expression of our pride than using our history of power to make a difference for others. ▼

## Lesbian Address at Commencement

Kathleen Conkey of New York City has become the nation's first out lesbian to deliver her law school's student commencement address when she graduated with highest honors from Rutgers Law School in Newark, NJ. "And you have honored me, a gay woman, a lesbian, with this chance to say our farewells," she said. "The fact that I have been able to be honest about who I am and yet have never been treated with anything but respect is the source for me of great pride in this school and great hope for the rest of the world." The crowd's reaction to the speech was extremely positive, expressed through cheering and applause and many students declared they were proud and pleased that Conkey had broached the subject of her sexuality in the speech.

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United Press International

NEW YORK — A judge acquitted eight AIDS activists in connection with an illegal hypodermic needle exchange program, ruling their effort was justified given the threat posed to drug addicts by the deadly disease.

Criminal Judge Laura Drager described city and state officials as unresponsive to the AIDS crisis with her ruling June 25 that the underground program was "necessary as an emergency measure to avert an imminent public injury."

She acquitted eight AIDS activists, who each could have been jailed for up to six months if found guilty of criminal possession of a hypodermic instrument. ▼

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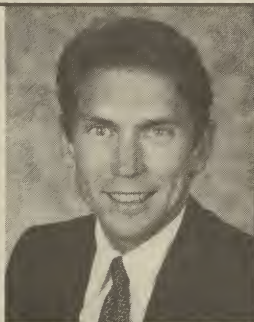
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## National Briefs

### Pro-Gay Candidate Wins in Mass.

Lesbian and gay rights support John Oliver was elected to Congress from Massachusetts in the June 4 special election to fill the seat of the late Rep. Silvio Conte. Oliver won by a narrow margin of less than 2,000 votes against anti-gay Republican candidate Steven Pierce. "This was a particularly close race pitting a strong supporter of our community against an outspoken opponent of lesbian and gay rights and of adequate health and AIDS policies," noted Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund. "We look forward to working with Congressman Oliver as he begins his responsibilities in the U.S. House of Representatives." Oliver received the support of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, the National Abortion Rights Action League and other organizations in the battle to fill the seat held by Conte for the past 20 years. Conte, a liberal Republican, died of a brain hemorrhage earlier this year.

### Move to Legalize Gay Marriages

The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights launched a drive to legalize same-sex marriage in Massachusetts at a rally at the State House on June 11. The coalition seeks to make Massachusetts the first state in the nation to abolish discrimination in marriage laws. A bill that the coalition is drafting will make marriage between same-sex couples exactly equivalent to heterosexual marriage. The coalition has already lined up eight legislators who have agreed to support the measure. The same-sex marriage bill would have national implications as reciprocal agreements between the states necessitate recognition of all other states' marriages. During the summer the coalition will draft the bill, increase the number of legislative co-sponsors and meet with Gov. William Weld to seek his support.

### PWA Blasts Florida Health Officials

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (UPI) — The first known AIDS victim to contract the disease from a doctor has sent a bitter and anguished farewell letter blaming state health officials for allowing the infected dentist to continue practicing. Kimberly Bergalis, 23, is bedridden, slipping in and out of consciousness and in nearly constant pain. She weighs about 70 pounds, hasn't eaten solid foods in two months, cannot walk and can barely speak. In an April 6 letter to Nikki Economou, an investigator with the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, Bergalis said: "I will be another one of your statistics soon. Whom do I blame? Do I blame myself? I sure don't. I never used IV drugs, never slept with anyone, and never had a blood transfusion. I blame Dr. Acer and every single one of you bastards. Anyone who knew Dr. Acer was infected and had full-blown AIDS and stood by not doing a damn thing about it. "You're all just as guilty as he was. You've ruined my life and my family." ... "All is forgiven by me — there's no hard feelings anymore. But I will never forget."

### 2nd Minneapolis Doctor 'Comes Out'

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — The second Minneapolis doctor in four days has come forward to say he has practiced while infected with the deadly AIDS virus. Dr. Richard Duff on June 18 joined Dr. Philip Benson in announcing that he is afflicted with the AIDS virus. Duff, however, said that unlike Benson he did not engage in risky procedures that put patients at risk. Both Duff and Benson practice at the same two Minneapolis clinics. But Duff insisted that they did not get the virus from each other. He said his infection was not the result of homosexual sex, but would not elaborate. Earlier in the week, state health officials said there was another doctor in Minnesota besides Benson that had AIDS and whose practice had been restricted to protect patients. They refused to identify the doctor, citing privacy concerns and saying there was no danger to the public. Duff identified himself as the doctor Tuesday. He said he has voluntarily restricted his practice to avoid invasive procedures, such as surgery and baby deliveries.

### HIV Testing for Organs Proposed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Organs designated for transplantation would have to undergo testing for the AIDS virus under new government regulations proposed June 21. The rules follow a highly publicized case in May involving the distribution of 52 organ and tissue samples nationwide taken from a Virginia man later discovered to have been infected with the AIDS virus. The man twice tested negatively for the AIDS virus but apparently had been infected too recently before he died for standard tests to detect the infection. Three people who received his organs died of AIDS and at least three people who received tissue grafts tested positively for the virus. Under the proposal published in the Federal Register for a 60-day comment period, organ procurement organizations would have to guarantee that appropriate tests have been conducted to ensure that the organs provided to hospitals for transplantation are free of the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus or HIV. An organization that fails to meet the requirements can be terminated from the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs and lose its designated service area to another organ procurement organization.

## 4 More Lawmakers Sign on to Rights Bill

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — The federal lesbian and gay rights bill moved another step closer to consideration by Congress in June when three House members and one senator signed onto the landmark legislation.

Joining the swelling ranks of bill co-sponsors for the first time in the House were Reps. James Traficant (D-Ohio) and George Hochbrueckner (D-N.Y.).

Coming back onto the Senate bill he first backed in the last Congress was Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio).

Freshman Rep. James Moran (D-Va.) signed on to the bill June 19. Moran, who last fall upset anti-gay stalwart Rep. Stan Parris (R), won his seat with a tremendous amount of help from local gay and lesbian activists.

Although he had been expected to be a strong pro-gay vote in his first Congress, he had not been expected to co-sponsor the measure in his first term.

With the addition of the new co-sponsors, the House bill now stands at a new record of 91 official backers, including the bill's lead sponsor Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) and former Rep. Mo Udall (D-

Ariz.), whose name will remain on the bill despite his retirement in May.

Metzenbaum's renewed co-sponsorship takes the Senate version of the measure to 12 official backers in that body, including lead sponsor Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.).

This is the first time that the Senate bill has garnered this many backers, breaking the old record of 11 set late last year when Metzenbaum first signed on to the bill in the 101st Congress.

In the House, the bill is now officially backed by 91 representatives from 25 states and the District of Columbia.

The Senate bill boasts 12 co-sponsors from 10 states. Florida is represented on only the House measure. Rhode Island's delegation is only represented on the Senate bill by both of that state's senators.

The states which to date have no co-sponsors of the bill are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming. ▼

## AMA Urges HIV Testing Of Doctors Exposed to AIDS

United Press International

CHICAGO — The American Medical Association House of Delegates approved a resolution June 26 urging doctors who have been exposed to AIDS to seek testing to determine whether they have been infected.

But the delegates rejected proposals for mandatory AIDS testing for health-care providers.

The delegates, who set policy for the nationwide doctors' organization, also approved a resolution urging that verbal consent for AIDS testing be accepted in some cases.

"At this point," said AMA Trustee Dr. Lonnie Bristow, "we found no reason to call for mandatory testing of

health-care workers. Today's resolution calls for encouraging health care workers at risk of human immunodeficiency virus disease to have more routine testing."

Bristow said mandatory testing of health care providers would be "a tremendous waste of resources that could be used much more effectively for screening, counseling, contact-tracing and other efforts, especially since at this point there has not been a single patient who has gotten HIV from a doctor."

The resolution calls for doctors who have been exposed to the AIDS virus to seek testing. If they test positive, the resolution urges, they should stop performing medical tasks that would en-

danger patients, or warn patients of their condition.

Bristow said the patient-consent resolution is designed to encourage testing of those who may have been exposed to AIDS. He said treatment and benefit options have improved to the point that it is in the patient's interest to seek testing.

The change, he said, would move the AIDS testing procedure toward "routine testing," not remove the element of "informed consent."

The resolution and supporting documents, he said, set down guidelines for acceptance of verbal consent in some cases and for continued requirements for written consent in others. ▼

## Officer Bitten in ACT UP Protest

by Rex Wockner

CHICAGO — Police aggressively arrested 25 of the 250 AIDS activists who protested outside the American Medical Association's annual conference June 24.

The protesters came from ACT UP chapters across the country.

Half of the 25 were nabbed as the group unsuccessfully attempted to move from the sidewalk to the street while marching down Michigan Avenue to the Chicago Hilton and Towers, site of the conference.

Protester Billy McMillan's head was repeatedly bashed against the side of a paddy wagon by one officer before McMillan was shoved inside.

The remaining arrests occurred when an "affinity group" known as DICKS, Doctors In Cahoots with Killer Scumbags, tried to crash a police line at the hotel.

The DICKS protesters, who had 12-inch dildos hanging out of their flies, battled the officers for about two minutes before police succeeded in pinning the men to the pavement.

One protester's head met the cement with a loud thunk and a pool of blood was left behind. One of the nearly 150 police officers received medical treatment after a protester bit him, according to First District police officials.

Officer Ronald Parram told reporters he was "pretty shaken up" by the incident. "The (surgical) gloves (I was wearing) didn't do anything," he said. "This problem needs to be addressed."

At press time the alleged biter, Gary Lawman of New York City, was awaiting a

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## National News

# House OKs \$1.8 Billion In AIDS Program Spending

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House on June 26 approved a multibillion-dollar money bill, funding the Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services, which provides a record \$1.878 billion in spending for the federal AIDS efforts under its jurisdiction.

AIDS activists, while relieved that their programs did receive an increase over last year's spending, still bemoaned the levels as inadequate.

"These are not numbers that reflect the response to an epidemic," said Jeff Levi, lobbyist for the AIDS Action Council.

"I think this comes from a feeling on the part of the (Labor HHS) subcommittee members that (AIDS) is not an issue that affects their constituents. And we need to do a better job of making them see this as a national problem rather than a problem of marginalized constituencies," Levi said.

But noting that AIDS programs did receive an additional \$60 million this year,

lobbyists pointed out that it was one of the few health issues that did get more money.

Much of the blame for the modest increase in spending, they said, lies with last year's budget agreement, which for three years ties any growth in domestic spending to the rate

priorities between AIDS programs.

The Labor HHS appropriations bill does not include AIDS-related money for the Food and Drug Administration and the Indian Health Service, which are funded through different spending bills.

The most closely watched item in the past two Labor HHS money bills has been the money given to AIDS care programs, many of which were initiated by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act.

The measure, approved by Congress last year, would funnel federal dollars to cities and states disproportionately affected by the epidemic. A number of community health and HIV early intervention programs were also set up by the Ryan White Act.

In the fiscal 1992 Labor HHS appropriations bill, AIDS care programs funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration are given \$283 million, an increase of \$17.1 million compared with last year's levels

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Following closely the spending levels requested by the Bush administration, the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education came out with its proposed \$1.878 billion in AIDS money mostly by shuffling funding

# Poll Finds Strong Support For Mandatory HIV Disclosure

United Press International

NEW YORK — A resounding 90 percent of Americans surveyed said medical professionals infected with the HIV virus should be required to report their condition to patients, according to a *Newsweek* poll.

The poll, which appears in the July 1 issue of *Newsweek*, also said 97 percent of those surveyed believe patients should be required to tell health workers if they are infected with the virus that causes AIDS.

Sixty-five percent of the respondents said they would discontinue treatment if they discovered their doctor or dentist was infected with AIDS, the poll said.

However, 75 percent said they believed health methods were either completely or somewhat reliable in preventing the spread of AIDS between doctors and patients, the poll said.

And, a full 96 percent said they had not made any changes in their choice of doctors or other health professionals based on a desire to

avoid contracting the virus.

The poll was conducted by telephone with 618 adults throughout the country on June 20, and has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points, *Newsweek* said.

The subject of AIDS-infected doctors was brought to public attention when 20-year-old Florida dental patient Kimberly Bergalis announced she had contracted the disease from her dentist, who died of AIDS. ▼



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The purpose of the conference is to build and support a network of people working together to end homophobia through education. Educators, therapists, gay and lesbian activists, clergy, writers, media artists, community organizers and others interested in challenging homophobia and heterosexism are welcome.

Individuals or groups wishing to present are encouraged to submit program proposals through June 1. Limited scholarships are available for registration and housing. For more information, call (708) 524-2305 or write: The Campaign, P.O. Box 1293, Oak Park, IL 60304-1293. ▼

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## AIDS News

# No More Compassionate Use Of Marijuana for PWAs

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The federal government, facing mounting requests from AIDS patients to legally use marijuana to alleviate symptoms of their disease and side effects of treatment, said June 21 it would no longer grant such "compassionate" requests.

Instead, said Bill Grigg, a spokesman for the Public Health Service, "the government will encourage the doctors who are applying for marijuana to apply for off-label use of THC," a synthetic version of the active ingredient in natural marijuana.

The change in government policy was denounced as "outrageous" by advocates of the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

"What you have here is a group of little tin Caesars

who are running a bureaucracy who think they can decide who will live and who will die," said Robert Randall, head of the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics.

The alliance has been a major advocate of the medical use of marijuana to treat a variety of illnesses, including glaucoma, the side effects of cancer chemotherapy and most recently in AIDS.

Advocates maintain that natural marijuana is useful in fighting the nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite often associated with the AIDS infection and the use of AZT, the only drug approved by the government to treat AIDS.

Grigg said that there had been "a rapid increase of applications" for marijuana because of publicity surrounding a number of cases where the drug had been granted.

"We've had to grow additional marijuana for that," he said, "because we didn't have enough stockpiled."

The government will continue to provide marijuana to the 34 people who have "compassionate" access to the drug but not new applicants, Grigg said.

Randall and other supporters of the medical use of marijuana object to the use of synthetic THC, marketed under the brand name Marinol, claiming that it does not work as well and that it has adverse side effects.

Randall also suggested that one reason for changing the policy was that the government is facing a court challenge demanding that marijuana be re-classified from being a controlled substance with no recognized medical value to a drug with some medical value. ▼



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## Experimental Vaccine Protects Chimps

United Press International

FLORENCE, Italy — Genetically engineered experimental AIDS vaccines have shown promise in a variety of preliminary tests on monkeys and chimpanzees, researchers said.

Four monkeys immunized with two genetically engineered vaccines appeared to be protected for nine months from infection with the simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, which is closely related to the human AIDS virus, a researcher said June 20.

Dr. Shiu-Lok Hu of Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute in Seattle said he first immunized the monkeys with live vaccinia virus, the agent used for the smallpox vaccine, that had been genetically engineered to include a piece of the SIV.

Ten genetically engineered AIDS vaccines are undergoing early testing in humans.

## AIDS Briefs

### Vietnam Sets Up AIDS Department

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Vietnam, fearful of a fast spread of the AIDS virus as the country opens up to foreign tourism and business, has established a specialized department to deal with the deadly disease, the official Vietnam News Agency reported. "Although so far only one woman has tested positive with HIV virus, great efforts are being deployed to prevent AIDS in the country, especially in Ho Chi Minh City," the agency said in a dispatch. The agency said the World Health Organization and the Paris Pasteur Institute have assisted in setting up the AIDS department in Ho Chi Minh City, the country's largest and most cosmopolitan city. It said the department includes an AIDS laboratory and a consultancy room. So far, the agency said, 800 people have been tested and only one has turned up positive, a young woman said to have become infected with the deadly virus after having sexual intercourse with a visiting Vietnamese man who lives overseas.

### Free Home Care Training

A free training for partners, friends and family members who are caring for people with AIDS/disabling HIV disease at home is being offered by Home Care Companions Inc. over five weeknight evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., July 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23 at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco. This "how-to" training is for anyone who anticipates caring for/helping out a friend with HIV disease in their home. It is intended to help the non-professional home carepartner improve the quality of their assistance by providing comprehensive information as well as practical tools for self-care. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call Celi Adams at 824-3269.

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# AIDS Conference Produces Little News, Much Controversy

by Michael C. Botkin

**F**LORENCE, Italy — The Seventh International Conference on AIDS, which ended June 21, was such a frank disappointment that from now on they will be held only every other year, instead of annually. A member of the International AIDS Society, which sponsors the meetings, said, "There is a strong consensus that this is appropriate in terms of the amount of new data emerging and the advantage of having regionally based conferences in the intervening years."

Conferences are already planned for Boston in 1992, Berlin in 1993 and Japan in 1994. However, the Boston conference is considered unlikely to happen due to controversy over the recently re-instated U.S. policy banning the entry of HIVers.

Indeed, many assume that the political difficulties of hosting the conference influenced the IAS decision as much as the lack of new information.

Little information about new treatments was presented at this year's meeting. There was some novel data about the "natural history" of HIV, charting how the virus progresses and is transmitted — but even this tended to generate controversy rather than optimism. A study reporting that a type of cell that can be found in the mouth is infectable by HIV launched a series of sensationalistic headlines proclaiming that "AIDS Is Spread By Kissing," a conclusion bitterly denounced by scientists and activists.

Epidemiological studies predicting that AIDS will shift increasingly to developing countries sparked criticism about the lack of represen-

tatives from these countries at this conference. And data showing that a small number of PWAs with Kaposi's sarcoma are, in fact, HIV-negative generated heated debate.

On the positive side, many studies showed that virtually all deaths among HIVers occur only after their T-cell counts have dropped below 50, provided they have access to preventive treatments for deadly pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. Although some vaccine approaches have failed miserably, there is general consensus that a vaccine against HIV is, ultimately, possible, which many have doubted until now.

Even this good news has its downside. The treatments that can keep HIVers with more than 50 T-cells alive are rarely available in developing countries. Promising vaccines will take at least another 10 years to

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# Mucosal Infection Easier Than Thought

United Press International

**FLORENCE, Italy —** The AIDS virus apparently can infect cells that line the mouth, anus and vagina much more easily than had been thought, perhaps further helping explain how the deadly virus spreads, a researcher said.

The cells, called dendritic cells, appear 10 times more sensitive to infection with the AIDS virus than CD4 cells, another form of white blood cell known to be infected by the virus, the researcher said June 27.

The findings indicate how the human immunodeficiency virus could be transmitted to the mucosal wall of the mouth, anus or vagina without the presence of cuts, such as from rough sex, or sores, such as from venereal disease.

"We think of this as a venereal disease. You don't need blood to get infected," said Dr. William Haseltine of the Dana-Farber Cancer Insti-

tute in Boston, who reported the research at the 7th International Conference on AIDS.

Haseltine stressed that, "Nothing I said today should be taken to change what we know or don't know about transmission of HIV."

He added, however, that "deep kissing poses a risk." While the AIDS virus has been detected in very low levels in saliva, no cases have been documented in which the virus has been transmitted through kissing, a spokeswoman at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said.

The CDC does, however, recommend against engaging in "deep" or so-called "French kissing" with someone who is known to be infected, just to be on the safe side.

If dendritic cells are a major reservoir, they may be useful for evaluating how well anti-HIV drugs work, he said. ▼

# Scientists, Activists Protest INS Policy

United Press International

**FLORENCE, Italy —** At the close of the 7th International Conference on AIDS, scientists and activists marched to the U.S. Consulate to protest a U.S. ban on travel or immigration by people infected with the AIDS virus.

The June 21 march came after organizers of next year's international meeting scheduled for Boston toughened their stance and vowed to cancel the conference unless all travel and immigration restrictions were lifted.

With elderly residents leaning from windows and police looking on, about 1,000 AIDS activists blew fog horns and chanted slogans in Italian and English as they marched with several dozen scientists about a half-mile down nar-

row cobblestone streets from the conference to the consulate.

At the consulate, Jeffrey Brooks and two other members of ACT UP met with Consul Virginia Morris.

But after more than an hour, Brooks quoted Morris as saying there was "not much" she could do about the issue. The group then left peacefully.

During the closing ceremony, Dr. Max Essex of Harvard University, who would chair next year's meeting, announced he had agreed with activists that the conference should be canceled unless all restrictions were lifted.

The controversial INS policy became law in 1987. The bill was introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) ▼

# Virus Can Be Passed Through Breast Milk

United Press International

**FLORENCE, Italy —** Women infected with the AIDS virus may be able to infect their babies through their breast milk, researchers reported.

In a new study presented June 19 at the 7th International Conference on AIDS, Philippe Van de Perre of the AIDS Reference Lab in Rwanda followed 217 mothers who were free of the AIDS virus before giving birth.

Of 15 mothers who became infected after delivering a child, eight of their children also became infected, the researcher said.

The only identifiable risk factor for how the children may have become infected was breast milk or colostrum, the maternal secretions that

breast-feeding newborns receive the first few days of life, he said.

If the study is confirmed, physicians should tell women infected with the human immunodeficiency virus not to breast feed, Van de Perre said.

In an earlier related paper, researchers from the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore reported detecting HIV in the breast milk of 26 of 38 women — or 68 percent — infected with the AIDS virus.

It had been well known that mothers infected with the AIDS virus could transmit the virus to a fetus developing in the womb when the mother's blood crosses the placental barrier. But after the baby is born, the child no longer receives the mother's blood. ▼

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## Blood Compound Believed To Keep HIV+ People Healthy

by Keith Clark

A research team at the University of California at San Francisco says it has identified a naturally occurring blood compound that may have helped some people stay healthy for a decade or more after being infected with HIV.

If their research is substantiated by other AIDS medical researchers, it could prove to be a major development in the treatment of the disease.

According to Dr. Jay Levy, who led the research team of UC-SF, the compound is made by CD8 blood cells and may be part of the body's natural response to infection by HIV.

In most cases CD8 cells eventually stop making the compound, Levy said, and the virus overwhelms the body's immune system.

But the researchers say that in a few individuals infected with HIV, the CD8 fac-

tor continues being active and those people have remained healthy, some for a decade or longer.

"If we can understand this," Levy said, "it may be an approach to controlling the virus for everybody. It's a perfectly fine way for an individual to handle the infection."

Levy was scheduled to present the UC-SF finding June 20 at the Seventh International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy, but spoke to reporters before leaving San Francisco.

The UCSF team discovered the compound several years ago while studying gay men who had been infected with HIV in the late 1970s and early 1980s but remained — or still remain — without symptoms of the deadly disease.

The researchers found that CD8 cells taken from the blood of these men could keep cells infected with HIV from spreading the virus.

Levy said a Norwegian research team had recently found the same CD8 compound as well and believes it's one that has never before been isolated.

He also said they were "pretty confident" the CD8 factor was responsible for stopping cells from reproducing the virus.

It's unknown why in the vast majority of cases the body's CD8 cells stop producing the compound, thereby allowing the virus to resume its relentless assault on the immune system.

But Levy suggested that physicians might be able to treat the infection by giving patients the CD8 factor or otherwise stimulating their own CD8 cells to continue or resume making the compound in their own bodies.

But little is known medically about how — or even if — either approach would work at this point. ▼

## Drug Effectively Kills HIV-Infected Cells

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A genetically engineered drug appears effective in the test tube for honing in and selectively killing immune system cells infected with the AIDS virus, researchers reported.

The drug has not yet been tested on animals or humans infected with the AIDS virus, and many approaches that show promise in the laboratory fail to work in patients or have too many adverse side effects, the researchers said June 20.

"The experimental results reported here indicate that (the approach) selectively eliminates HIV-infected cells ... while sparing uninfected cells," they wrote in the journal *Science*.

The approach is based on the fact that immune system cells called T-cells that are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus produce

an unusually high number of proteins called interleukin-2 receptors.

The receptors interact with the naturally occurring immune system chemical interleukin-2, or IL-2, acting like a lock that only IL-2 can open to trigger the T-cells to grow.

The new approach exploits that by attaching a genetically engineered version of interleukin-2 to the deadly toxin produced by the bacterium that causes diphtheria.

This so-called fusion toxin hones in on HIV-infected cells bearing IL-2 receptors and instead of causing them to grow, delivers the toxin, killing the cells.

In the new research, Robert Finberg and colleagues mixed the fusion toxin with uninfected T-cells and HIV-infected T-cells and found it appeared to kill the infected cells in much greater numbers than the uninfected cells. ▼

## Fat

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see how they too are victimized by the fear of getting fat, or the fear of getting fatter. This fear keeps all of us preoccupied with our bodies; and keeps us from uniting together to fight the real oppression: a sexist society which tells us how we ought to look, or how we ought to live," said one handout. "We are creating a positive presence and a positive image as fat women in sports, at the workplace, in theater and in the arts, in the media — everywhere we go."

"I think it's great!" said Sally Sheklow, a comedienne from Eugene, Ore., who was in town for a show at Josie's Juice Joint.

"It's bold and courageous that they are willing to be out there in public, making a statement about body types," said one bystander.

Another watching from the concrete ledge along Market Street admitted, "This is a wonderful reminder that what is inside is what really counts." ▼

## Conference

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develop, and many wonder whether they will be affordable for most of the world.

Despite the lack of new treatments and the presence of controversy, valuable coalition-building occurred and important regional sub-groups formed. Several groups took advantage of this international conference to form networks, such as Asian Solidarity Against AIDS (ASAA), a coalition of non-government organizations from 14 Asian nations, and the International Steering Committee of PWAs, which will host a conference in London this fall.

However, many regret the fading of this once valuable forum for pooling AIDS information and research. The pandemic continues to spread, and there is little relief in sight — certainly none was sighted here. ▼

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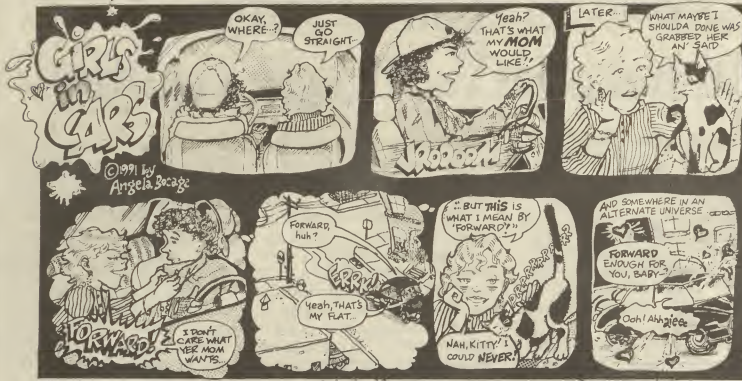
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For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 775-4321, ext. 2512. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

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## A Florentine Journal, Part II

by Michael C. Botkin

Wednesday, June 19

Last night, ACT UP and Rossi, the head honcho of the conference, agreed on rules of engagement; activists can do what they like provided they don't go up on the podiums and/or impede the actual proceedings. A reasonable compromise, although no doubt it leaves many on both sides dissatisfied.

The "Fragile Coalition," as Wachter accurately tags it, got a nasty shake-up today at a news conference about next year's conference, scheduled for Boston. The panelists, a Who's Who of big name researchers, were pretty upset at the level of protest generated by the activists. June Osborne, in particular, seemed livid with rage at being interrupted, and several times proceedings ground to a halt as activists shouted down speakers, yelling "Cancel Boston!"

Finally, a journalist suggested that ACT UP be allowed a speaker on the panel in return for not disrupting. Jeff marched up to the podium but the Italian cop guarding it, who apparently didn't understand the negotiations, moved to block him. Everything almost ended right there, as activists jumped to their feet to rescue Jeff; but he responded with admirable coolness, signaling to everyone to hold back, and waiting for a translator to explain to the guard that the ban on activists on the podium was being relaxed in this instance.

The scientists waffled on the key point; under what conditions would Boston be banned? They wouldn't answer my questions about whether moving it was an option — my strong vibe is that they consider this impossible. They also carefully avoided saying if they would can it if only the travel ban is lifted but not the one on immigration. The news conference finally degenerated into total chaos and ended.

This was clearly a turning point. I'd say the odds against Boston just doubled and they were already pretty long. Scientists are wondering whether we need these things every year, especially given the amazing lack of new info at this one. Certainly Bush and his cronies don't give a damn if they happen or not, and would never risk offending their fundamentalist constituency for the sake of HIVers and/or international opinion. And activists would probably prefer protesting these bourgy

affairs to attending them. So where's the incentive — for anyone — to find a compromise? The only loss would be the media attention — which just proves the oft-cited point that these are public relations events more than scientific ones.

#### Thursday

Already feeling conferenced out. It's hard enough to digest thousands of bits of news, let alone thousands of bits of non-news. Have been spending more time at the PWA Lounge. Usually these spaces are pretty dead (no pun intended), but this one is well-attended, comfortable and a good place to meet international HIVers. It's also the only place I can get free water, a serious consideration where bottled water is the norm, tap water dangerous for anyone, let alone HIVers, and my daily pill consumption requires a large amount of fluids.

Spent a lot of time wandering through the poster presentations, and was disgusted to see that many from last year were present in only mildly updated form. Has there really been that little progress? A press release highlighted a study that it claimed showed that aerosolized pentamidine and not Dapsone is effective at preventing PCP. But when I looked up the poster, it frankly waffled on the point, and at least a dozen others clearly show the opposite. John suggested that the release was funded by Lyphomed-Fujisawa, and it's hard to think of any other explanation. John also said that he thought there were some promising test-tube studies of second-generation anti-virals, but it's hard to get too excited about treatments which are that far from even Phase I trials.

A few interesting or at least

amusing tidbits. Very few deaths have been observed in HIVers with more than 50 T-cells; good news for me with my 200 or so — but how will I feel if/when I drop into the new "danger zone"? A report on Africa warns that in a few years there won't be enough people to till the fields or draw water — and suggests funding to provide plumbing closer to the villages so that the water won't have to be carried so far! This is a solution?

#### Friday

The activist/scientist coalition has been hastily patched but still shows rips. As suspected, the conference sponsors were prepared to accept a reversal of the travel ban alone, but Essex, the Boston organizer, realized that holding it over the objections of the activists is simply not possible. And, as I suspected, they refuse to consider moving it.

So it's Boston or nowhere, and this almost certainly means nowhere. This is fine with me. I'm much more interested in the HIVer conference scheduled for London later this year.

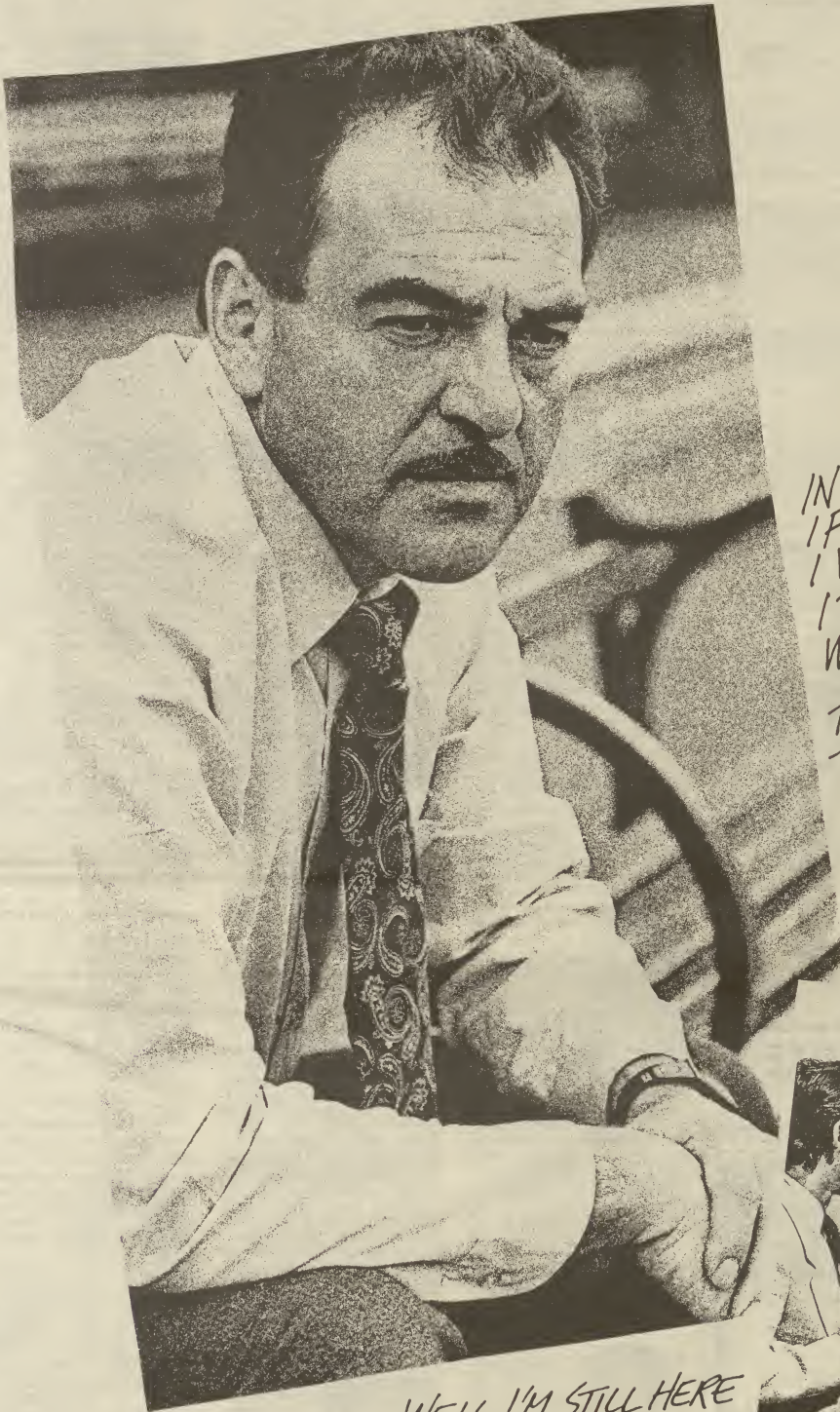
The International AIDS Society, which sponsors the conferences, announced that after the '94 conference (in Japan) they will happen every other year instead of annually — it's obvious to everyone that these events are no longer worth the hassle on a yearly basis. Journalists around me are filing their final stories; delegates, laden with luggage, are hurrying out to catch planes home. Soon I can join the ranks of gay tourists visiting the cathedral ("Il Duomo" — I call them "Duomo Homos"). All that's left is the protest march on the American Consulate. No doubt a futile gesture — like the conference itself! ▼

### AIDS Brief

#### Youth Calls Up at AIDS Nightline

A recent study published in the June issue of *Pediatrics*, the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, found that 30 percent of male homosexuals ages 14 to 21 had attempted suicide. The HIV/AIDS Nightline in San Francisco has seen a steady increase in calls, according to Eve Meyer, executive director of the San Francisco Suicide Prevention & Crisis Intervention, which operates the line. In May, the line, which offers assistance to people with HIV concerns at night, received more than 600 calls. Suicide is the second leading killer of American youth after accidents. The HIV/AIDS counseling and information line, 668-AIDS, is the only such help line in the United States operating at night.

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## Deaths

### Gary Reynolds

Aug. 2, 1964-June 10, 1991

Gary Reynolds, a longtime Santa Cruz AIDS activist and gay activist, died peacefully at his home of AIDS. His death came only a few hours after he led the Santa Cruz Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Pride March as its grand marshal.

Gary was born in Northern California and grew up in Orange County, Germany, Alabama and Florida. He attended UCLA as an undergraduate, and transferred to UC Santa Cruz in 1984, where he majored in women's studies.

A committed activist, Gary was arrested in 1984 on the stage of the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium while protesting the Miss California Pageant; in 1985 while opposing UC's South Africa investments; and again in 1987 on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., protesting AIDS policy. Following his arrest at the Supreme Court, Gary spent three days in the D.C. jail, arriving in drag. He was an outspoken critic of the patriarchy.

Gary was also a prolific writer. He was a contributing editor of the *Lavender Reader*, and wrote for many other publications. His writing was engaging, direct and blunt. When he felt that *City on a Hill*, the UC Santa Cruz student newspaper, had not carried enough coverage of AIDS issues, he interviewed himself and submitted the interview for publication. It was printed. He also wrote articles candidly describing his struggle with and his feelings about unsafe sex. Gary also contributed to *Diseased Pariah News*.

In 1987, Gary was instrumental in starting the first AIDS Treatment Alternative Group in Santa Cruz County, and he participated extensively in Project First Hand, a volunteer speakers bureau of people living with HIV.

Gary had recently received a letter of appreciation from UCSC Chancellor Robert Stevens thanking him for his contributions as an activist to the campus community, along with an official University Certificate of Appreciation. At the time of his death, he was the only UCSC student to publicly acknowledge his AIDS diagnosis.

Gary was revered by the Radical Faeries for his candor and for his utterly tasteless impressions of Karen Carpenter. He was an accomplished pianist and was extremely well-versed in popular culture. He was a regular host of the Closet Free Radio program.

Gary leaves his longtime companion, Terry Cavanagh; his parents Jay and Loretta; his sister Shauna; brother Mike; and grandmother Margaret; and many, many loving friends.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held Saturday, June 29, 1 p.m., at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 3202 Cedar St., Santa Cruz. A reception will follow at the home of Terry Cavanagh, 707 National St., Santa Cruz. For more information, call (408) 426-1672. ▼

### Robert Rodriguez

July 31, 1949-June 6, 1991

On June 6, our friend and beloved family member passed away due to cancer, diagnosed in the fall of 1990.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, Robert is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pavalko. He was very close to his loving sister, Roxanne Atkinson, who continues to make her home in Texas. His extended family in San Francisco was large, and is headed by his roommate of eight years, Michael Ritsema.

Robert was employed by Saks Fifth Avenue in the hair and cosmetic salon. His avocation was opera, and he was able to bring his skills to assist the San Francisco Opera as a make-up artist. He will be remembered as being very quiet and introspective. Many people mistook this quiet attitude for being aloof or snobbish. Robert was neither.

Robert will be missed very much by me, as well as by his family, co-workers and roommates. We all will remember you, Robert, and miss you very much. Your friend forever. —Rudy Perez ▼

### Jon Kennedy Smith

Sept. 25, 1944-May 31, 1991

Jon Kennedy Smith passed away after a brief illness. He was born the son of Laurel Smith of Smith Construction in Flora, Ind., and the former Lucille Kennedy.

Jon was educated at Culver Military Academy, and spent his young adulthood traveling through Europe using New York, Miami and West Palm Beach as his primary residences.

Jon moved to San Francisco in 1970 and began J.K. Smith Properties. In the early 1980s, Jon opened Patsy's, a country western bar on Market Street, now the site of the Detour. He was a very active member of City Athletic Club.

He is survived by his life partner, Kieran John Smith; a brother, Jack Smith of Brighthurst, Ind.; and two sisters, JoAnn Miller of Lafayette, Ind., and Rebecca Eikenberry of Flora, Ind. He will be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and close friends.

There is a legend about a bird that sings just once in its life. From the moment it leaves the nest it searches for a thorn tree and never rests until it's found one. Then it sings more sweetly than any other creature on the face of the earth and, while singing, impales itself on the longest, sharpest thorn. But as it dies it rises above its own agony to outsing the lark and the nightingale. The thornbird pays with its life for just one song. But the whole world stills to listen, and God in His heaven smiles, for the best is only bought at the cost of great pain. ▼

### Paul Edward Tardiff

March 27, 1954-June 18, 1991

Paul left this world for the universe in the early morning of June 18 after fighting lymphoma and AIDS during the past six months. He leaves behind Linda, his special friend of 30 years; Bill, his companion; and many others that he touched during his time here on Earth.

Paul has now joined John, Mark and the many friends who have left us for that special place.

The extended family and friends asks for your good thoughts, and that donations be made in his name to the Community Consortium (an Association of Bay Area HIV Health Care Providers), 3180 18th St., Suite 201, San Francisco, CA 94110. Private services for the extended family and friends were held on June 22. ▼

### Joseph James

Dec. 25, 1955-May 30, 1991

Joseph James, local fashion designer, died May 30 of AIDS.

Known to most of his friends as James, he was born and raised in Eastman, Ga., and moved to Atlanta in 1976, establishing a successful career in fashion design and garnering several local awards for his unique women's creations.

In 1987, James took the grand prize in the National Beefeater Fashion and Jazz design competition with a hooded formal dinner jacket and pants, inspired by Miles Davis, that became the hallmark for his designs of men's jackets and outerwear. His award winner is part of the permanent collection in Harlem's Black Fashion Museum, the only museum of its kind dedicated to preserving the history of black fashion. Several others of his creations are in Fashion Institute of Technology's permanent museum collection.

He leaves with cherished memories in California his mate of almost 10 years, George Taylor; his brother and sister-in-law Isaiah and Pamela James; near-family sister Rev. Gloria Johnson; and many friends. He also leaves in the eastern U.S. the remainder of his family of 16 other sisters and brothers plus a host of brothers- and sisters-in-law,

nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

On June 7 and 8, Joseph James' wish was fulfilled with his funeral in Atlanta and burial beside his mother and father in Eastman. On Saturday, June 29, friends are invited to a celebration of his life at his home, 153 28th St., San Francisco, at 11 a.m. ▼

### Martin Lee Jordan

Jan. 10, 1950-June 9, 1991

Marty died of AIDS at the Rosehead House in Seattle.

His caring friends Homer and Darrell were with him. Marty lived for many years in San Francisco and left behind close friends here who will miss him greatly.

Marty had a mystical bond with Mother Earth. Land, soil, plants, shrubs and trees were his domain. He communed with nature and spoke the language of flowers. A few years ago Marty designed a garden for me. In my mind's eye I can still see him working in it with his bubbly, boyish exuberance. There was a lovable earthiness in Marty; a rejoicing in making things bloom and flourish.

Rest in peace, Marty, in the Garden of Eden! —Love, Joseph ▼

### Michael A. Smith

July 16, 1948-May 31, 1991

Two months at Laguna Honda keeping the staff laughing with humor of the ice cream man and still enjoying his rum and Cokes,

Michael passed of mycobacterium. He accepted the virus for seven years and the last few months took its toll. He remained a boy at heart.

Michael looked to the right and then to the left. His love for classic cars and pets never surpassed his respect for people. He was always there to help relocate friends, drive patients to their doctors and run errands.

Michael is survived by his roommate and companion of eight years, Michael Burns; his friends, Boyd Hildreth and Donald Curtis; his mom, Buttercup June Becker; his father, Andrew Smith; and two brothers, Stephen and Andrew.

A voluptuous Grecian celebration of life was experienced at Boyd's home on June 23. Other than ashes salted at Buena Vista Park, Michael will travel to the Sacred Falls, Queen's Beach, and the bay of our 49th state.

R.S. of the Treasury Department of L.A., along with all your friends, wish you were here to design a car that runs. But thank God that coin arose at your party so that we know you are at peace, treasure. ▼

### Jeffrey Dames

Jeffrey Dames passed away on the afternoon of May 25, Memorial Day weekend. He died at home, at peace with himself and the decisions he made over his lifetime. Jeff was diagnosed with AIDS in November 1987, and faced his illness with unflinching honesty, courage and great humor.

During this time, he completed his college degree with his usual excellence. I found him to be dynamic and spirited; a skilled writer; a lover of good food. He was known to his computer buddies as Peabody/Sherman. On the boards, he was a source of insight and levity. As echoed often during his memorial: "Nobody told Jeffrey what to do." Stubborn and cantankerous, he was adept at handling doctors and insurance companies. A fiercely loyal and devoted companion, his concern for my well-being helped strengthen me so that I could care for him. I will miss him terribly.

Special thanks to Tracey, our practical support volunteer from Shanti and our friend. Then to Wally: An exceptional physician and a man of rare compassion. ▼

### Steven M. Jelen

Dec. 21, 1952-June 19, 1991

Steven M. Jelen passed away in Houston, Texas.

He was an active member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He was the chairman of the Religious Education Department at St. Rose Academy in San Francisco, where he taught theology and music from 1979 through 1988.

Steve also served as music director at a number of Catholic churches in the Bay Area, including Old St. Mary's Church, St. James' Catholic Church and St. Benedict's Deaf Center (all in San Francisco), as well as parishes in San Jose and Pinole.

He was actively involved with Dignity, the organization of lesbian and gay Roman Catholics, at the local, regional and national levels, and was music director of Dignity/San Francisco from 1981 through 1988.

Steve will be fondly remembered by all who knew him for his remarkable creativity and high energy, his ability to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds to be who they could be, and his talent for bringing people together.

A memorial Mass, followed by a reception, will be hosted by Dignity/San Francisco on Monday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., at Dolores Street Community Center, 15th and Dolores streets. All are invited to attend. ▼

### Dennis Swan

Dennis Swan died of complications due to the AIDS virus. He died peacefully in a beautifully tranquil environment at home with his lover Brian at his side.

Dennis inspired the creation of Max Bear, a cartoon character developed by Rob Roberts. Every silly and loveable characteristic of Max was true of Dennis. He was as adorable and loving as they come. In the long, harsh course of his illness it was bravery that so unexpectedly emerged and made him shine. He will forever be remembered and admired. He will be eternally loved. ▼

### Ray Graetz

March 13, 1954-June 21, 1991

Ray died this week, preceded by Joao Soares by five months, Jamal and Sola.

Ray started political activism at the age of four in the Montgomery bus boycott and he finished in this gay holocaust of the '90s. He graduated from an integrated high school in Washington, D.C., and was an activist

for gay liberation and feminism, racial equality and the Vietnam anti-war movement. He fostered the arts in our alternative communities and in 1990 produced a commercial line of clothing with the "No Regrets" tag.

Ray's exemplary family repeatedly traveled far to be with him. He was cared for extensively by his sister, Diane; his mother, Jean; and friends, Assunta and Malcolm.

He spent his last half year at Diane and David's meadow home high up on the side of Mt. Tamalpais, overlooking the ocean and the wooded canyons. Here there are stands of manzanita and live oak where red-headed vultures, hawks and falcons hover motionless on still outstretched wings, dipping on cross-currents. The cool ocean air dissipates radiant heat from the sun-parched chaparral. Miles away and a thousand feet below lies the Bolinas Lagoon with its slow moving, stilt-legged egrets and the blue heron. Behind the lagoon rises the Bolinas Plateau, cool with tall redwood and eucalyptus; beyond the plateau lie misty distant mountains and still more distant shores.

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semblymember Bev Hansen had an intense fight which resulted in Hansen telling him, "I was going to vote 'no' on this (AB 101) bill, but you keep getting in my face. I'm going to abstain on this one."

Sheldon said, "That's the same as voting 'yes.'"

"I don't care," Hansen countered, "you keep getting in my face and I don't like it — I'm going to abstain." And she did.

Tension grew as members left their seats, held whispered consultations, or were called to the telephone.

Assemblymember John Burton (D-San Francisco) was off the podium and deep in conversation when he was tapped for a call. Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D-

Sherman Oaks) and Rand Martin, top staffer for AB 101, both taut with anticipation, were convulsed with laughter as Burton picked up the phone and bellowed, "What the hell do you want? We're up to our ears in shit here" — and without pausing to listen, slammed the phone down and stalked theatrically back to his seat.

After the vote Friedman and Sheldon held short briefings with reporters. Friedman was confident of the votes on Friday needed for passage; Sheldon was saying that the votes aren't there.

Sheldon, when asked about Congressman William Dannemeyer's new "neutral" stance on TVC's proposed constitutional initiative, said the two have "an understanding" on the issue.

"After all he has a senatorial campaign to win and this is

just one issue," said Sheldon.

AB 101 will move to the Assembly floor sometime Friday afternoon or evening. If it wins in Assembly, it will move immediately to the Senate side so it can clear in either the Judiciary or the Appropriations Committee before the July 19 recess.

When the Legislature comes back Aug. 19, it will be heard in the second committee, then go to the Senate floor for the vote by Sept. 13. It will then go to the Governor's Office, where it will either be signed into law, allowed to pass into law without signature, or be vetoed by Oct. 13.

Governor Pete Wilson has indicated he will either sign the bill or allow it to become law. ▼

## Study: Women More Monogamous

In a national survey, 91 percent of female couples were found to be monogamous, as were 63 percent of male couples. The survey of 1,266 same-sex couples was conducted by *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*. Of the female couples who were not monogamous, 7 percent were "monogamous with agreed exceptions" and 3 percent were non-monogamous. Male couples were less inclined to monogamy: 26 percent permitted "agreed exceptions" and 11 percent were non-monogamous. Many partners whose agreements allowed outside sex were sexually exclusive in practice. Outside sex was reported by less than 3 percent of female partners and 26 percent of male partners. Only 12 percent of all male partners had outside sex more often than monthly. The national survey also collected information on topics such as safer sex practices, discrimination and length of relationships. A free summary of results may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to *Partners survey*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

## Deaths

### James "Dusty" French

Nov. 22, 1947–June 9, 1991

James "Dusty" French passed away at 2:30 a.m., Sunday, June 9, at Children's Hospital in San Francisco from AIDS-related complications. He was 43.

Dusty was born in Chicago, lived his early life in Marin County and moved to San Francisco in 1972 where he was a popular entertainer on the bar circuit in San Francisco and around the west for many years.

Dusty joined the staff at Henry Ohlhoff House in San Francisco in early 1985. He was head chef and food service manager until a few weeks before his death.

Dusty is survived by his parents, Charles and Doris French of Port Ludlow, Wash.; and by his sister, Jacqueline Milner of Yazoo City, Miss.

Dusty will be long and fondly remembered by the staff, residents and alumni of Henry Ohlhoff House and by his special friends, Randy, Bob, Robin, Skip, Sam, Felicia and Aristotle.

Dusty will be memorialized with the planting and dedication of a tree in the gardens of Henry Ohlhoff House on Saturday, July 6, at 2 p.m. For further information, call Skip at 563-3423.

Bye, Dusty. ▼

### Howard Pitman Hall "Ward"

Jan. 21, 1928–June 18, 1991

Howard passed on peacefully after a long battle with AIDS.

He is survived by a sister, both parents and by a host of friends who knew and loved this gentle man.

Ward was raised in Hanford, Calif., and attended Visalia College prior to his honorable service in the U.S. Army in Korea. He moved to the city he loved dearly, San Francisco, and spent many years in the insurance business, later car sales, and then opened his own health product company. He was active in early gay rights organizations.

He had a passion for sports cars, the opera and dining. His pastime of restoring Victorian buildings blossomed into ownership of many San Francisco and Russian River properties.

Howard loved the celebration of life and delighted in entertaining his many friends. His warm spirit, loyalty and encouragement endeared him to all who knew him. His commitment to the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous helped him deal with the illness that befell him, attending AA meetings as long as he was able.

Howard will be greatly missed by all who knew his warm, "teddy-bear" nature and his loving friendship. ▼

### Dan Frank Russo

March 26, 1949–May 4, 1991

Dan's liver was damaged by hepatitis B, caught during a business trip to Indonesia, to the point it could no longer perform its functions.

He was son to Barbara and John MacKay, brother to the Russo girls — Alesia, Ava, Jessica, Gina and Dru; a well-respected employee of Chevron Corporation for more than 15 years, where his creativity and attention to detail as an EDP auditor are missed; a friend to more people than can be named here, but especially to Jim Clarke, a partner and lover to David Lee, Kam Kammerer and George Dortzbach.

During Dan's last year he volunteered a great deal of time to the Placer AIDS Foundation. They recently joined forces with Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation of Grass Valley under their name. If you wish, a contribution in his memory may be sent to Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, 12183 Locksley Lane, Number 205, Auburn, CA 94603-2052. ▼

### Kenneth Lee Ketwig

Ken Ketwig died of government-related immuno-deficiency disease on June 12.

Ken came to San Francisco in October 1988 to be part of the city's spiritual response to the epidemic. He did much work with Shanti and was the recipient of their "Making Each Day Count" award in 1990. In his acceptance speech, delivered by Jana Rickerson in absentia, he exhorted people to "never work for money; work for love, joy and freedom."

Prior to coming to San Francisco, Ken lived for many years in New York where he worked for the National Audubon Society and lived for many years as a "village character." He is survived by his mother, brother and many close friends, including David Perkins, his lesbian lover.

Contributions to Shanti. ▼

### James Michael Leminger

Aug. 2, 1945–June 11, 1991

Jesse spent the last 20 years living in San Francisco and explored his many interests through a series of jobs that he always found enjoyable.

He made many friends along the way while he worked as a limeman and long distance operator for the telephone company; flight attendant; hairdresser; waiter; bartender; then finally as manager of the Polk Gulch Saloon, where he was able to display a talent playing DJ.

When no longer able to work, Jesse moved to Austin, Texas, to be closer to his family. He was able to make several visits and spend time with his mother, Blanche, who died of cancer last month. On a rare "good" day, Jesse acknowledged that he was ready and wouldn't hold on any longer. Much of that last difficult period was made easier thanks to the care and love his sister Loreen Parker supplied. Also surviving are sister Alta Lowery; brothers Mark, Robert, Douglas and Patrick; and their children. ▼

## Obituary Policy

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, *Bay Area Reporter* has been forced to change its obituary policy.

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste.

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include an envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m. ▼

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# CHANGING MANAGEMENT OF HIV DISEASE: UPDATE FROM THE VIIth INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS

One of the objectives of the VIIth International Conference on AIDS in Florence was to present the latest scientific and clinical data on the management of HIV disease. Often the clinical implications of these data are unclear and require further clarification.

A panel of clinicians specializing in HIV disease will discuss these data and respond to your questions regarding the current management of HIV disease.

**DATE:** Monday, July 8, 1991

**TIME:** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**PLACE:** San Francisco Marriott  
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**Meeting Room:** Yerba Buena Ballroom

**FACULTY:** Marcus Conant, MD, Moderator  
Donald Francis, MD  
Leon McKusick, PhD  
Robert Schooley, MD  
Paul Volberding, MD  
Constance Wofsy, MD

**REGISTRATION:** It is not necessary to register; however, if you would like to indicate your attendance at this workshop, please call 1-800-433-4584 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Eastern Time and ask for the HIV Disease Update Coordinator.

This program is supported under an educational grant from Burnoughs Wellcome Co.

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## GLAAD Media Watch

# A Sensitive Portrayal

Compiled by Ben Carlson

### 'Our Sons'

The Sunday, May 19 ABC movie-of-the-week, *Our Sons*, starred Julie Andrews and Ann-Margret as two mothers dealing with the homosexuality of their sons (who are lovers) and the fact that one of them has AIDS. The script offered a sensitive, gay-positive (if chaste) portrayal of the lovers and their mothers as they confronted AIDS and homophobia. Praise ABC by writing to ABC, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles 90027 or by calling (213) 557-7777. Encourage ABC to program more movies with lesbian and gay themes.

### KGO-TV

On May 19 at 11 p.m., following the broadcast of the ABC telefilm *Our Sons*, ABC affiliate KGO-TV (Channel 7) aired a brief special program that addressed relationships between local gay children and their parents with an emphasis on understanding and acceptance. Praise KGO-TV by writing to KGO-TV, 900 Front Street, San Francisco, CA 94111-1450 or by calling KGO-TV's main switchboard at (415) 954-7777.

### Bill Moyers

Bill Moyers' May 13 documentary on PBS focused on the prevalence and nature of hate in modern society. The show considered hate crimes motivated by religious bigotry, racism and homophobia. Although the discussion of hatred of lesbians and gay men was very brief, the inclusion of that discussion was significant.

Moyers is planning additional shows on hate. Encourage him to address homophobia and anti-gay hate crimes in greater depth. Write to Bill Moyers, c/o KQED-TV, 500 Eighth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

### 'New Yorker'

The "Talk of the Town" section of the *New Yorker's* May 13 issue included a brief article about a gay man with AIDS. The piece sensitively described Adrian, a 32-year-old artist, as he fixed dinner and lived through another evening of an AIDS journey "with battered signposts, and turning points, but no clear path." The article, like all others in the magazine's "Talk of the Town" section, was unsigned.

Praise the *New Yorker* for including this rare acknowledgment and strongly urge the magazine to cover issues of concern to lesbians and gays more often. After all, some *New Yorkers* (not to mention *New Yorker* readers) are gay. Write to the *New Yorker*, 20 West 43rd St., New York, NY 10036 or call (212) 840-3800.

### Dr. Joyce Brothers

In her syndicated column of May 14, celeb shrink Dr. Joyce Brothers responded to a man who was worried about being too affectionate toward his son. Brothers wrote, "Children's sexual identity is usually firmly established very early in life, and a father's hugging and expression of love is not what determines whether his son will become homosexual. The father who is cold, aloof or not physically present is much more likely to have a son who's gay than is a father who



is warm, loving and demonstrative." Pssst, Dr. Brothers ... have you read any psychiatric journals in the past 20 years?

Write to Joyce Brothers, 1530 Palisades Ave., Fort Lee, NJ 10124.

### Ads Against AIDS

Three ad executives from three prominent ad firms have combined talents to create an ad campaign and accompanying contest to promote education and awareness about AIDS through advertising. The "Ads Against AIDS" campaign calls for ads in a variety of media. For information about the contest to create the ads, contact Ads Against AIDS, 31 West 26th St., New York, NY 10010, (212) 481-1374.

### '20/20'

The May 17 broadcast of the ABC news magazine *20/20* contained a segment about the men's movement called "What Is a Man?" The story focused on a weekend retreat in Texas in which straight and gay men gathered to question and redefine the meaning of what it is to be a man. *20/20's* coverage included a father who attended the retreat with his gay son as a way of developing a closer relationship. The program helped to debunk the myth that being gay somehow compromises manhood. Write *20/20*, ABC News, 157 Columbus Ave., New York, NY 10023, 10023.

### 'CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt'

On the May 19 *CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt*, film and television critic John Leonard took the opportunity in his review of ABC's telefilm *Our Sons* to lambast the networks and other media power brokers for their reluctance to tackle AIDS-related themes more often. Unlike many in the media, Leonard was frank in his analysis that the media is influenced by the public's perception of the persons most affected by AIDS — gay men and IV drug users — as unimportant and expendable. Praise these honest words from one of television's most respected national news magazines by writing to *CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt*, 524 West 57th Street, Box K, New York, NY 10019. ▼

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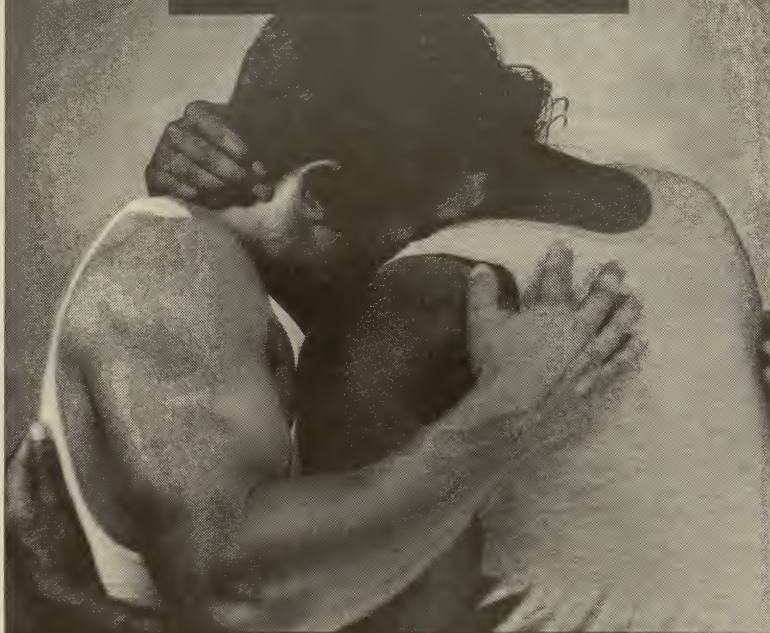
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## Sonoma

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Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Sonoma State, Gente Latina de Ambiente, Lesbian Therapists ("Off the Couch and Out of the Closets"), Women's Support Network, Legacy (a community center for gay men, lesbians and their friends), Positive Images (a support group for gay teenagers), and the "Closet Contingent," representing professionals who are "afraid of the consequences" of coming out.

The largest group was Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, with about 50 people including wheelchair-bound PWAs.

The only political statement seen was a banner painted with the names of Adolf Hitler, Lou Sheldon and Nick Esposti, the county supervisor who refuses to support lesbian and gay rights.

His was the one negative vote that prevented the county from issuing a proclamation for Gay Pride Week.

The largest gathering was the fifth annual Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic in Windsor's Keiser Community Park, sponsored by Forward Together, which attracted about 2,000 people who listened to assorted music and entertainment with a bit of politicking. Principal guests were state Sen. Mike Thompson and U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Boxer.

Thompson, who represents the northern counties of Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Colusa, Glen, Butte, Tehama and Shasta, reminded the audience that it was their support that ousted his opponent "Northern California's answer to Jesse Helms," Sen. Jim Nielsen. He asked for more active support of AB 101, "a very innocuous piece of legislation that says quite simply that just because you're gay or lesbian you can't be discriminated against."

He said he was getting calls and letters heavily against the bill. "Gays and lesbians should not and will not be discriminated against. AB 101 needs to become law," he told the cheering crowd.

Boxer, who is seeking a seat in the U.S. Senate, told the audience she stood with them in the fight against AIDS, "for your self-respect against the politics of fear, and gay bashing," and to get AB 101 into state law. ▼

## Smith

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Karen Strauss of the National Center for Lesbian Rights said, "We find ourselves fighting on two fronts—for the gains we intend to make and the ones we thought we'd already made."

Strauss said that NCLR joined with Smith in pledging to "remain eternally vigilant where the rights of gays and lesbians are concerned."

Steven Vetter, co-chair of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, said his organization believed the Sheldon initiative "would allow a minority to dictate bigotry and unfairness."

Vetter also called on the legislature to pass AB 101, which would prohibit discrimination against gay, lesbian and bisexual Californians, "to further repudiate the Rev. Sheldon's campaign of hate."

## AIDS Cash

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and the president's identical request. Ryan White programs are increased by \$26 million.

Nine million dollars of the increase in Ryan White funds were taken from other HRSA AIDS programs.

AIDS activists, who had expressed little hope for the approximately \$850 million that would have constituted full funding of the bill, had lobbied for at least full funding of three of the five major parts of the Ryan White Act.

In the bill approved by the House, though, they still fell \$378 million short of that goal.

Testing and counseling programs and pediatric AIDS demonstration projects set up by the Ryan White Act, left unfunded in last year's bill, were again not implemented in this year's proposal. To somewhat make up the difference, the Centers for Disease Control were again given funds to continue those HIV testing and counseling programs under their control.

The CDC, though, was the biggest loser on the AIDS money front, losing \$15 million in appropriations, which went largely to pay for the increase in AIDS care spending.

For the third consecutive year, the House bill has not earmarked dollars going to the National Institutes of Health for AIDS research, a development that has repeatedly alarmed AIDS activists. ▼

## Craig

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Cairn's police baton maneuvers, which included striking two protesters, were unauthorized use of force and violated Police Department regulations.

Craig dissented in the penalty decision, recommending that Cairns be fired from the department.

Triguero said that Craig "has once again demonstrated her inability to act responsibly and fairly" and said she had a "personal political agenda." He said that the POA was not homophobic "immune to the ravages of AIDS."

"I appreciate your coming and sharing your concerns," Craig said during the meeting. She later told the Bay Area Reporter that she had no intention of resigning from her post.

Craig also said that believed there was diversity on the five member commission and that she did not think there was any need for an elected Commission.

Gay activist Brian Bringardner also expressed concern over the Police Officers Association proposed ballot initiative.

While I'm not really in favor of district elections of police commissioners, it's hard to imagine how any police commission could be worse than the one we have now," Bringardner said. ▼

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## Klan

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following the news that charges had been dismissed.

After Bates' arraignment, he was greeted by members of Queer Nation/Fresno on the steps of the court house, where he autographed copies of the June 20 Bay Area Reporter, which contained a headline story about his arrest.

Following his arrest, Bates told police, "In my line of activism, being arrested is like receiving an Academy Award. Thank you. I'm so excited." Following the news that all charges had been dismissed, Bates said, "I anticipate this to be the beginning of a long line of arrests." ▼

## Bitten

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court decision on whether he would be forcibly tested for HIV.

First District police officials said they had charged Lawman under Illinois' felony HIV-transmission law, but the police news affairs division said Lawman had been charged only with battery, resisting arrest and disarming a police officer — for allegedly removing a gun from an officer's holster — pending the court ruling on the forced HIV test.

Although saliva is not a vehicle for the transmission of HIV, Illinois' vaguely worded law has been used previously in biting incidents. The charge can stick even if the virus was not transmitted.

Some ACT UP/Chicago members say Lawman was not the one who bit Parram.

"They pinned it on him," said activist Tim Miller.

AMA officials denounced the ACT UP protest in TV interviews.

"We suggested to them they'd make more of an impact if they discussed it with us rationally than if they did what they've chosen to do," spokesman Roy Schwarz told WFLD.

Vice President Dan Quayle addressed the AMA delegates as protesters battled police outside. Later, at a news conference, Quayle called for mandatory HIV testing of doctors.

AMA President John Tupper said the AMA opposes mandatory HIV testing of physicians.

"The problem with it," Tupper said, "is that it would be extremely expensive and would give a false sense of security."

ACT UP/Chicago member Carol Hayse was arrested for disrupting Quayle's speech with shouts of, "People with AIDS need national health care." ▼



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# Tommy Lasorda Jr.: The AIDS Coverup

by Karen Ocamb

LOS ANGELES — I don't usually read the sports section of the *Los Angeles Times*, but I'd heard that Tommy Lasorda Jr. had died and I couldn't find his obit.

The night before KCBS's Keith Obermann offered condolences to Tommy's father, L.A. Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda Sr., and kind of winked at the television audience when he said that Tommy Jr. had died of pneumonia and severe dehydration at the age of 33. KABC's Paul Moyers added that Tommy was an artist.

Everyone shook their heads at the loss. And everyone who knows winks or knows that artist equals gay knew it was AIDS. But no one was saying. Poor Lasorda, poor Dodgers.

As I studied the sports writer's story on Tommy Jr., I got so angry I got mad. There at the bottom of the article was the final indignity: "The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to the National Baseball Players Association in Garden Grove."

What! Now the kid may have played ball at some point in his life — hell, he may

have even liked it — but when I met this thin, ultra-fair, Warhol-like artist, baseball did not seem to be the biggest thing on his mind. Nor did he seem to be the type to frequent Garden Grove — home of the White Aryan Resistance.

What made me jump out of my skin, pull my hair, scream at answering machines in the night was that once again our families became more important than we are. OK, I don't know Tommy Lasorda. By some accounts he's a great guy and had no problem with his son being gay. The news story said he was at Tommy's bedside when Tommy died.

That, obviously, is preferable to some families I have witnessed who swoop into their son's hospital room, push the lover or friends aside, say cruel and inhumane things, then steal all his personal belongings to distribute among "loved ones," while we all stand by open-mouthed and powerless. And then, if an obit appears at all — that inch or so token of our lives — it will say nothing or say he "passed away after a long illness," or some other phrase to avoid the dreadful word AIDS. Say that word out

loud: AIDS. AIDS. He died of AIDS.

I am so damn mad at this perpetual coverup. Can you imagine if all the newspapers in the country — gay and straight — decided to tell the truth about an AIDS death — that so-and-so's son or neighbor or wife or husband died of AIDS? How could the government, how could any of us, turn away from that? More than 100,000 — see — that's just a number: 100,000.

Does that affect you? Are you moved by that? Over 100,000 people have died from AIDS.

But take the pictures, take the names, take the small measure of a human life: Stephen, Johnny, Chip, Mark, Allan, Chris, Steve, Tony,

though his brother and sister-in-law tried. Chris, you see, was so terrified of being rejected by his military parents that he was deeply closeted. Finally he was "outed" by AIDS. He was in a coma in intensive care and, out of decorum, his mother came to see him. She says that she told him she loved him while he was in the coma. But she never said it when he revived briefly.

So Chris died with his worst fear having been realized — he was rejected in the end. But the terrible part was that he had relinquished his whole life to avoid that inevitable moment. To not lose a love he never had, Chris gave up getting any love at all. His obit, which ironically

## So Chris died with his worst fear having been realized — he was rejected in the end.

Will, Arthur, Danny, Pierce, Raoul, Glen, Denny, Joe, Myron, Ted, Gene, Jim, John. See? I knew these people. I loved these people and they died of AIDS.

And that's why I'm so mad. Let me tell you a story.

Last September Chris and Chip were both in real bad shape.

Chip's parents, Orange County Episcopalians, had dealt with Chip's being gay and were there for him throughout his illness.

Chris' family was a different story, unfortunately,

was next to Chip's in the *Times*, told more about how important Chris' father is than about Chris.

I'm tired of protecting our families. I'm tired of our families having the last word about who we are. I'm tired of so many people dying — dying of AIDS and no one saying the damn word. It is a horrible disease. But we are not horrible people for having it or dying from it.

What's the answer? The truth. Always the truth. It will always set us free. Tell the truth. Get honest. Get proud. Get free. ▼

## NCLR

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also the first event in what Sabin hopes will be a series of events sponsored by and for the NCLR, which are designed both to provide cultural entertainment and increase the visibility of the work of the NCLR in the community.

Performing will be musician/vocalists Linda Tillery, Teresa Trull and Vicki Randle, with writer/poets Dorothy Allison, Jewelle Gomez and Kitty Tsui. One of the organization's most avid supporters, Joann Loulan, will serve as emcee and also read from her work.

Quite a diverse group of personalities are giving their time and sharing the same stage to support the NCLR, but, as Sabin notes, "If there isn't room for everyone, it's not going to work!" That is a perfect metaphor for the work of NCLR, which needs continued community support as it continues to serve the community.

Tickets for "Lush Voices: An Evening of Music and Poetry" are \$12-\$25 in advance and are available at Old Wives Tales, Mama Bears, the Herbst Theatre Box Office and BASS; \$15-\$28 at the door. The performance is at the Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness at McAllister, San Francisco. A benefit reception will be held prior to the event, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Phyllis Wattis Room in Davies Symphony Hall. The Barbara Borden Trio will perform, and a hostess bar and hors d'oeuvres are included. ▼

## Gay/Lesbian Programs

### Here to Stay

Thursday, June 27, 10 p.m., SF Viacom 25: Featuring Trevor Hailey on her historical walking tours of the Castro. Upcoming feature ideas should be submitted to Here to Stay, 78 Buchanan, Ste. 203, SF CA, 94102.

### Radio Craze

Friday, June 28, 9 p.m., KQED TV9: Set in a mythical Miami Beach nightclub, the program features the Seattle Men's Chorus, comprised of gay men, recreating a radio broadcast from the 1940s. The list of songs includes the music of Glenn Miller, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Spike Jones and others.

### Olivia Records' 15th Anniversary

Friday, June 28, 10:30 p.m., KQED TV9: More than an hour of music, interviews, and backstage banter highlight the fifteenth anniversary celebration of the Oakland-based record label devoted exclusively to women's music. Cris Williamson, Dianne Davidson, Lucie Blue Tremblay and others perform.

### Andre's Mother

Friday, June 28, 11:40 p.m., KQED TV9: Richard Thomas and Sada Thompson star in Terrence McNally's *American Playhouse* drama about denial and acceptance following the death of a young gay man from AIDS.

### Growing Up and Coming Out

Saturday, June 29, 6 p.m., KRON TV4: The rebroadcast of Suzanne Shaw's critically acclaimed one-hour documentary on growing up gay. Shaw reports on teenagers' conflicts and turmoil, and their quest for support and understanding. She also presents profiles of triumph, pride and celebration, showing how some teens have come to reject the judgments of the larger society and celebrate their homosexuality.

### The Collected Works of Scarlett Harlot

Friday, 10 p.m., SF Viacom 25: Guerrilla journalism by Carol Leigh (aka Scarlett Harlot).

### Messiah Theatre Presents

Friday, 10:30 p.m., SF Viacom 25: DeJohn Messiah and entourage create a whirlwind video montage on the cutting-edge of gay artistic expression.

### Outlook

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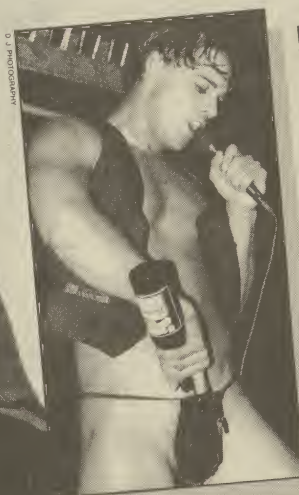
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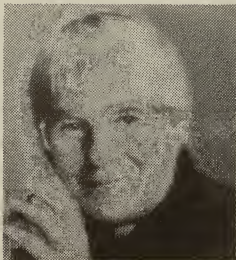
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SECTION TWO OF THREE

# Streicher, Long Are 1990 Parade Marshals

## RIKKI STREICHER

From the begining Rikki Streicher was a civil rights activist. She opened Maud's on Cole Street in 1966 and set a tradition of providing places for women to socialize and create a community with one another. Maud's was followed by Amelia's in 1978, which still survives as a uniquely women's space. Through the years Rikki has served on more than a dozen boards of directors for organizations dedicated to the community's health, well being and culture. She has been a tireless worker giving of her time, talent and resources, sharing her good fortune with every aspect of the lesbian and gay community. She has been honored by both Mayors Agnos and Feinstein for her community service. She also carried the torch into the Opening Day Ceremonies for Gay Games 11 at Kezar Stadium in 1986.



Rikki Streicher



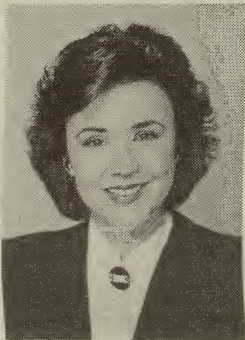
Zach Long

## ZACH LONG

Zach Long has combined his refined sense of beauty, his immense talents for organization and his dedication to helping others to become one of the community's most successful fundraisers. He has worked tirelessly for the AIDS Emergency Fund to raise money to help women, men and children affected by the HIV virus. He has created unique affairs and applied his own special stamp to many existing events. His work on the Board of the Larkin Street Youth Center shows you don't have to be a father to be a nurturing and supportive parent. In 1987 Zach became Leather Daddy V, a title he used not only to represent the leather community proudly but to raise thousands of dollars to help others. This year Zach was honored by the Cable Car Award Board of Directors as Man of the Year for 1990.

## GRANDSTAND/REVIEWING AREAS

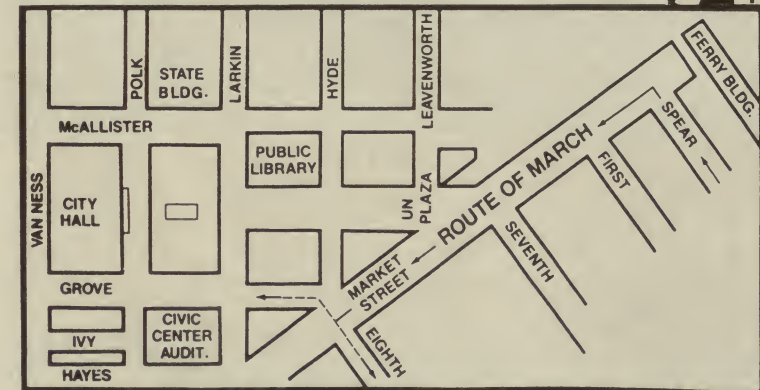
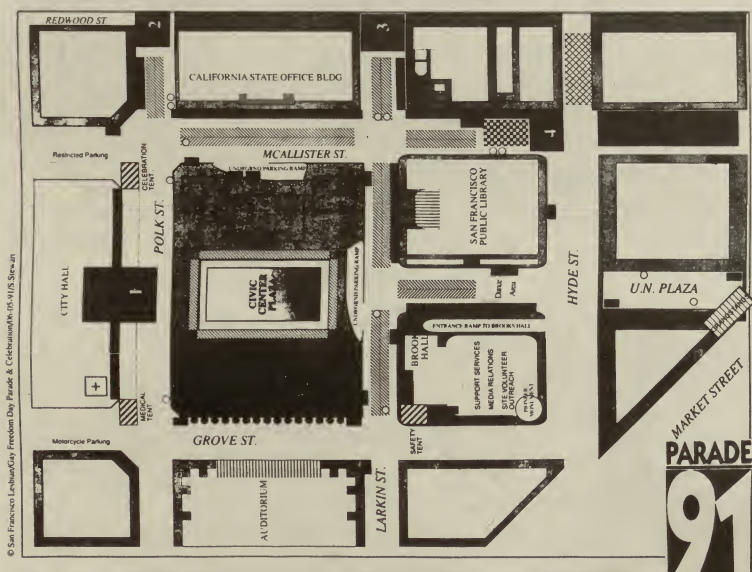
The grandstand/reviewing area will be located on Market Street at the U.N. Plaza. The grandstand will provide seating for 700 persons including 200 seats that will be reserved for PWAs, the physically challenged, the deaf and other individuals with special needs. This special needs area will be staffed entirely by volunteers from Kairos House, a local AIDS organization. The emcee booth is located adjacent to the grandstands. Local television personalities Hank Plante and Ginger Casey will emcee the festivities.



Ginger Casey



Hank Plante



# San Francisco Gay Parade Chronology

## June 28, 1970

March From Aquatic Park to City Hall  
Crowd size: 20-30

## 1971

No event

## June 25, 1972

Theme: Christopher Street West Parade  
Richard Hongisto was first politician to march in parade  
Crowd size: 54,000

## June 24, 1973

Theme: A Celebration of the Gay Experience  
Crowd size: 42,000

## June 30, 1974

Theme: Gay Freedom by '76  
Crowd size: unavailable from Parade Committee

## June 29, 1975

Theme: Join Us. The more visible we are the stronger we become  
Nation's largest gay parade, significant number of women march for the first time  
Crowd size: 82,000

## June 27, 1976

Theme: United for Freedom, Diversity Is Our Strength  
First Proclamation of Gay Freedom Day by San Francisco's mayor, George Moscone; *Examiner* called it the City's largest annual event  
Crowd size: 120,000

## June 26, 1977

Theme: Gay Frontiers Past Present and Future  
First parade on Market Street, downtown  
Crowd size: 375,000

## June 25, 1978

Theme: Come Out With Joy, Speak Out For Justice  
First year the city provided money for the parade, \$10,000  
Crowd size: 240,000

## June 24, 1979

Theme: Our Time Has Come  
First appearance of Dykes on Bikes; First Rainbow banners lining Market Street; Tenth Anniversary of Stonewall  
Crowd size: 200,000

## June 29, 1980

Theme: Liberty and Justice for All  
Crowd size: 250,000

## June 28, 1981

Gay Freedom Day became International Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day  
Theme: Front Line Of Freedom  
5 supervisors out of 11 rode in the parade  
Crowd size: 250,000

## June 27, 1982

Theme: Out of Many...One  
First accidental death in parade: Dary Kevin Anderson run over by a float  
Crowd size: 200,000

## June 26, 1983

Theme: Strengthen The Ties, Break The Chains  
People With AIDS contingent led parade; AIDS became a major focus  
Crowd size: 350,000

## June 24, 1984

Unity and More in '84  
Crowd size: 300,000

## June 30, 1985

Honor Our Past/Secure Our Future  
Crowd size: 350,000

## June 29, 1986

Theme: Forward Together, No Turning Back  
Crowd size: 100,000

## June 28, 1987

Theme: Proud Strong United  
Became Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day  
Crowd size: 220,000

## June 26, 1988

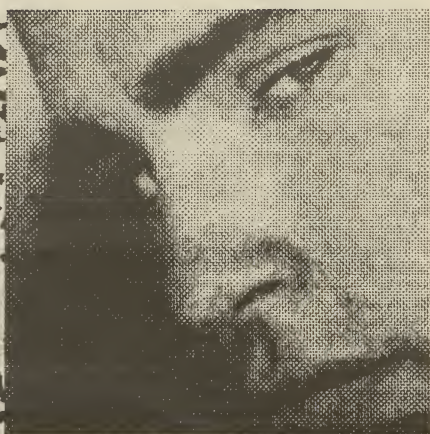
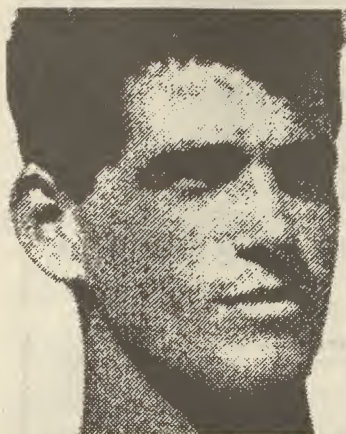
Theme: Rightfully Proud  
Crowd size: 275,000

## June 25, 1989

Theme: Stonewall 20 "A Generation of Pride"  
Crowd size: 325,000

## June 24, 1990

Theme: The Future Is Ours  
Parade returned to original route, beginning at Embarcadero  
Crowd size: 450,000



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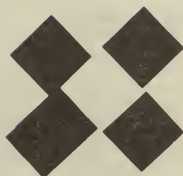
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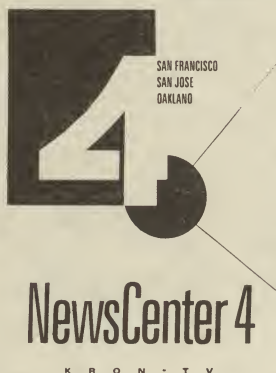
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# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## Nation's 2nd Largest Parade Goes Overlooked by Mainstream

by Keith Clark

Quick. What's the second largest parade in America right after the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena and that organizers believe this year may actually surpass the Rose Bowl? Now, what's the one major event in California that never gets listed in newspaper and magazine travel sections?

If you guessed the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration, you would be right on both counts.

### Commentary

The massive parade and public celebration, the largest single annual gathering of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and their friends in the world, now draws nearly 400,000 people each year and the 1991 parade may surpass the Pasadena extravaganza to become the largest parade in this country, organizers say.

Yet, perusing the travel and leisure sections of Sunday newspapers and urban magazines, the parade suffers from the same maddening problem that has plagued our community at large for so long: invisibility. Like virtually all of our other community events that might be of interest to lesbians and gays — and there are persistent rumors that even some non-gays enjoy the party — it just ain't there.

The June 9 issue of the *Oakland Tribune*, for example, included a special supplement on "Summer Fun." It encompassed all the usual tourist and travel promo pieces that most newspapers like to feature at least once each summer: music galas, museums, local festivals, and so on.

You could find out about Sebastopol's Gravenstein Apple Fair, and Dixon's Lambtown Festival, and even Sacramento's Crawdad Festival. But not a word about the Freedom Day Parade and Celebration, not a syllable about the Castro Street Fair, and not one phoneme about the Folsom Street Fair.

Last month the *San Francisco Examiner* also published a "Guide to Summer by the Bay" with an "A-to-Z" listing of summer event for "kids of all ages." But guess what? No lesbian or gay kids of any age get to enjoy summer by the Bay because the *Examiner* apparently isn't aware of the City's largest event either.

The problem, strictly speaking, isn't the *Examiner* or the *Tribune*. Aside from the I'd-rather-not-talk-about-it mentality that still lurks behind some of even the better mainstream publications and keeping the L and G words off such bulwarks of heterosexism as the business pages,

the sports pages, the "neighborhood" or zoned sections, and the travel and leisure sections, two other factors contribute to our invisibility outside the news and feature sections.

First, foremost, and most frustrating of all, too many of us are so used to being excluded, so accustomed to never being part of the larger fabric of society, that it never occurs to us that we belong in those sacrosanct pages as well.

Most daily papers routinely note upper echelon personnel changes on their business and finance pages. But the information doesn't get there because the *Examiner* and *Chronicle* have a massive collection of business reporters keeping their collective ear to the ground about every staff change in every business in

don't think we complain enough — or at least not enough in the right places.

A fairly well-known individual in the lesbian/gay sports world here was complaining to me a couple years back about the total lack of coverage of our community sporting news in the mainstream press. "They just won't cover our events — none of them."

It turned out, however, that the group he's involved with had sent a press release about their team to the *Examiner* and *Chronicle* city desks, but not to the sports department. Is it any wonder there was nothing on the sports pages?

And when another local jock was snarling to me last year about the zero interest shown by the *Examiner* sports pages in her group's playing skills, I asked her what she had done about it. Turns out she did exactly what the *Examiner* did — zero. She wrote it off as a lost cause and went out to practice with her teammates and belt down a few after the game.

Hold on for a major piece of insight: The ingrained and institutionalized homophobia and heterosexism in America — and even here in "the gay mecca" — are not going to go away just because we send out a press release. We've been pointing it out, protesting it and even organizing around it as a political issue through groups such as GLAAD, for some time. But read my lips: It hasn't gone away, and it won't go away on its own.

Perhaps more important, it won't go away even with media-monitoring groups like GLAAD around. Media problems aren't GLAAD's turf; they're everyone's turf. GLAAD isn't funded by the Rockefeller Foundation or Columbia University. It's just a group of men and women who got tired of being injured and ignored, battered and blue-penciled by America's electronic and print media and decided to try to change things.

There are conservatively estimated to be 120,000 lesbians and gay men in San Francisco alone — possibly as many as 170,000. GLAAD's membership is generously placed at about 500 people. This year the GLAAD leadership is tickled lavender that their annual budget is more than \$30,000. Focus on the Family, a semi-obscure organization in Pomona, had an operating budget in 1989 of \$63 million. Do you see any connection between the effectiveness of the religious right's anti-gay agenda and those financial figures?

So maybe the next time you don't see the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade mentioned in the travel section, or don't see lesbian/gay-identi-



Dressed up and ready to party at 1990 parade.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

fied companies written about on the business pages, or don't read anything about your athletic team on the sports pages, you should ask yourself what you and the (conservatively estimated) 119,500 lesbians and gay men

are doing about it.

I'll give you a clue: it has to do with writing large checks to groups doing the front-line work of lesbian/gay rights and working your volunteer butt off.

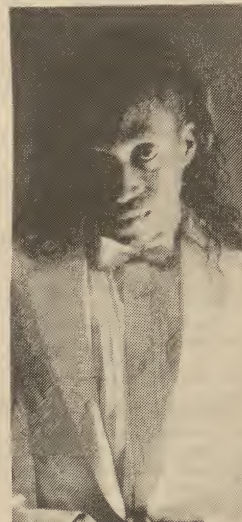
## Marching With Unity

"But where are the black contingents?" is a refrain heard at each Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. For the second year in a row, the answer is, "They're marching with Unity!"

Unity is a Bay Area coalition of African-American lesbian and gay organizations joined together to provide a strong black voice to their community. The primary focus of the coalition is the 1992 National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference being held in Oakland during February. Unity is co-hosting the fifth annual conference with the NBGLLF of Los Angeles.

Unity is hosting two cultural and political events this week, in the coming year. "The Night Before," a pre-parade dance and cultural celebration will be held in Oakland on June 29 at the Merritt-Peralta Health Education Center, 350 Hawthorne Street. The cultural section of "The Night Before" will include music, poetry and humor. Among the performers are pianist Peter Barclay; Ntombi, a lesbian erotic poet; and comedienne Donna Terri, a local talent on the humor scene. The celebration begins at 9 p.m. and has a sliding scale admission of \$7-10.

On June 30, Unity will join Hot Colors and march in the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. The coalition will gather on



Peter Barclay will perform at UNITY pre-parade event.

Folsom Street between Spear and Stewart at 10 a.m. Unity will also host a table at the Civic Center to provide more information on the conference and the coalition.

For more information, call: (415) 824-3387 or (916) 429-6208. — H. Joann Johnson, Unity Publicity Committee



# Gay Pride '91

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## It Ain't Easy Being a Woman, and It Generally Isn't Hip to be Queer

by Rikki Streicher, Susan Fahey, and Noelle Hanrahan

**T**he success of Carol Migden and Roberta Achtenberg in attaining seats on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proves beyond a doubt that lesbians are not all the same — two politicians could hardly be more diametrically opposed — and that the diverse lesbian community in this city now commands respect.

But no matter how Migden and Achtenberg's accomplishments are cause for optimism, the fact remains that lesbians today face a dual oppression. As women and as lesbians, we are confronted with a treacherous psychic and physical reality that never abates, never fades. Our class, gender and queer status are with us always.

What follows are some musings on feminism, censorship, sex and community by three lesbians who serve together on the Cable Car Board of Directors and who have witnessed the dynamic metamorphosis of the lesbian community.

Susan Fahey, or "Flo," as her friends call her, has managed Amelia's for over a decade and has kept her finger on the pulse of the community. She is also a dedicated sports enthusiast. Noelle Hanrahan is an under-30 journalist, a left-feminist activist with non-denominational nationalist leanings. She is a collective member of Women Against Imperialism. Rikki Streicher — grand marshal of this year's San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration — is a businesswoman and veteran of more board meetings, nights on the town and liaisons than the whole new generation combined.

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*Are you or have you ever considered yourself feminists?*

Fahey: Life challenges me everyday to be a feminist. I try not to let men walk over me, or other women for that matter.

Streicher: Feminism is by my definition not accepting second place based on gender alone. I remember Shirley Chisholm, a congresswoman from New York in the early '70s. She was asked, "Which is more difficult: being black or being a woman?" She answered without hesitation, "Being a woman."

Recently Pat Schroeder, congresswoman from Colorado, in talking about cancer research, said it is male-orientated: "They don't even use female rats. If they spent as much time on all other forms of cancer as they do on prostate cancer, there wouldn't be any questions left to answer."

Fahey: When gay men and lesbians kiss and hug in a public display of solidarity,

my first reaction is, "Isn't this wonderful. Finally the community is recognizing women as full partners." But it's really lip service. Sexism is a world condition and there is a lot of sexism in the gay male community.

*Is there a lesbian community?*

Streicher: There is so much anonymity now. Social mainstreaming has affected the lesbian community.

Fahey: I don't see people going up to other people and asking them to dance anymore. There isn't as much of a relationship to the community, whereas before there was a really different grassroots feeling of feminism. You felt that you were a fundamental part of the community; that you were making a change or that you were making it happen. Now there is less camaraderie.

Streicher: To have a community feeling you have to have a community. I don't think there is a lesbian community at this time. The '60s and the '70s were far more innocent and altruistic than the '80s and the '90s. During the earlier years the women were just as different from each other as they are today. They respected and supported those differences and found mutual interests they could share and enjoy, while maintaining their individuality.

In the '80s and '90s, women seem to have splintered off in small groups. They need to be entertained. "What's new?" replaced the mating call. By night, entertainment became mandatory. From dance bars to "clit" clubs, women watched themselves interact selectively. By day, they dressed for success and measured their accomplishments in dollars and cents.

Hanrahan: I don't see women taking part in developing their community. Americans are not a compassionate group. I see people earning money to spend money, to be individualistic to be comfortable. I think if everyone gave ten hours a week our community would be enormously impacted. I don't know that everyone feels that level of accountability.

Fahey: The bulk of the people at fundraisers are the same hundred people from about age 35-40 to 65-70. I don't think that the new gays from, say, their early 20s to 30s, value community service.

Hanrahan: There is a class of people who make community service their full-time, low-paying, high-burnout work, and always have: the social workers, the AIDS activists, people at the battered women's shelter. I wonder if economic factors conspire to make people much more selfish about their time than in the '70s.

*How has sex changed in the last ten years?*

Fahey: Now, women need a different kick, a slightly dangerous, illicit kick. Sex is much more out in the open, and public.

Hanrahan: What did lesbians do before *On Our Backs*, Joanne Loulan and the lesbian sex video?

Streicher: Each other! In the beginning we were sexually identified by labels: lesbian/dyke, butch/femme. Now most role playing has been reduced to tops and bottoms and sex parties validated by voyeurism. I just hope that all women of whatever persuasion will remember the HIV virus is indiscriminate and that they should practice safe sex.

Fahey: For example, the women's leather community used to be small, you really had to know someone or be into it. Now you can go to a Miss Leather event and you can find out where a party is just like that.

The leather community is extremely supportive and they have more fun than an AA meeting. There are very clear ways to be, you don't have to flounder around. Someone will tell you how to be a bottom or a top, or whatever it is that you want to be, and where to go to buy your little outfit. It is very clear, and they are very sisterly and very supportive. There is not an emphasis on physical attributes, they make fewer physical judgments than the rest of the community and I find that very unique.

Hanrahan: Now, I can't imagine this happening, but all of my friends are afraid that when they get down the road two, three, four and even five years in a relationship that sex will evaporate and all the passion will be shelved.

Fahey: Well don't reassure them that it is not going to happen, because it is true, it does happen.

Streicher: Women can't separate sex and a relationship. Men are never confused in that way.

Fahey: I think that makes women so especially wonderful because their emotions are tied into the things that they do, whereas men think with their balls sometimes. Women, I tend to think, are more sensitive.

Streicher: The dental dam has not caught on.

Hanrahan: So women do not practice safe sex, is that what you are implying?

Streicher: Well how can they?

Fahey: Well hopefully more women are being tested. I went, after the advice that Rikki gave me at a talk last year. I think that lesbians are aware of safe sex.

*How has censorship affected the lesbian community?*



Rikki Streicher has been a community activist.

Streicher: I believe that political correctness can and does become censorship when an individual's opinions and values are judged solely on the use or misuse of "PC" language or when one is not accepted or valued solely because they are not trendy.

Fahey: Whether it is the government clamping down on us or the self-appointed evangelists or the arbiters of taste within our own community, it has the same effect. Women do damage to each other by being critical. Women have not learned how to hold power and use it effectively without hurting people.

Hanrahan: Isn't that a byproduct of our marginal status, that women can't effectively organize and take power because there is no room in the power structure for us? Men can nurture and mentor people because there is more room for men at the top.

Fahey: Women have organized their own clubs, but these have been very exclusive and slightly racist. It has mostly been a white movement. You look like me. I look like you. We feel great. Aren't we great? What is your name? What is your number? What do you do? I think that attitude has dominated the early-to-mid-'80s.

*How has AIDS impacted lesbians?*

Fahey: AIDS and the power vacuum created by the deaths of gay men leaped women about 10 or 15 years ahead of where they were going to be in gay organizations. The door to power would have had to been shoved open as opposed to being pulled open on the other side if it hadn't been for the AIDS crisis.

*We all know that drugs defined the community and its habits for many years, what is your perspective?*

Streicher: The drug decades began in the mid '60s and ended in the mid '80s. The lesbian community in the '60s consisted of five women's bars. They tuned in, turned on and dropped out. Someone said, "Let's boogie," and boogie they did!

In the mid-'80s, slowly but surely, women put boogie

aside and became addicted to addictions. The body and mind gave out and was resuscitated by fitness centers, jogging, therapy and sobriety. "Anonymous" anything replaced boogie and a new era began.

Fahey: A friend of mine went into a coma and never came back. A lot of people stopped because they were burning out and everyone around them was burning out. If they were going to continue to go on in any fashion, they just had to quit it.

The politics of recovery groups is interesting, besides the fact that it affects my professional work. As you may have noticed, business isn't up. Recovery itself has become a social touchstone.

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*What does the parade symbolize for you?*

Streicher: Our Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade is the largest parade on the West Coast. It is bigger than the Rose Bowl Parade and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in New York. It is one of the biggest parades in this country. It is who we are. We come from everywhere. We represent everyone. We all enjoy that moment which is uplifting, truly profound or just wonderfully funny. And yet the straight press always focuses on some idiot skating down the street bare-ass naked, carrying a sign reading "Gay is Good."

Fahey: "Who wants to just see some normal queers. Like you, and me, and possibly your daughter," is what the press is basically saying.

Hanrahan: People still say, "I don't know if I can risk going," fearing discrimination and harassment at work if their boss sees them.

Fahey: We should tell them not to worry, it'll probably just be that drag queen Rikki mentioned.

Streicher: But agree or disagree, accept or reject the individual dramas, for several hours on this last Sunday in June, San Francisco belongs to us. ▼

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BAY AREA REPORTER — TWENTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



## 20 Years of the *B.A.R.*

**T**his special section of the *Bay Area Reporter* is a 20-year retrospective culled from past volumes of the paper. An in-depth history of the community, or the *B.A.R.*, would require several lengthy volumes. What I have tried to do is give readers a sense of the news of the community, as it grew and emerged into a political force, and its struggle for freedom and justice, exactly as reported in the pages of the *B.A.R.*, during the past two decades. Editorial decisions about what to include and what to leave out were difficult particularly after the paper became a weekly and greatly expanded its news section.

Special thanks go to Bill Walker of the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of Northern California for his archival assistance with this project.

Finally, a word of thanks for their contributions to the writers and editors of the *Bay Area Reporter* of the past 20 years.

—Dennis Conkin



# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1971: B.A.R. Debuts, Mixes The Social With the Political

by Dennis Conkin

When the inaugural issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* was published on April 1, 1971, the editors promised that the 24-page, free, community bi-weekly newspaper would bring news, information and humor to its lesbian and gay readership.

Much of the news in that historic first issue concerned the social and entertainment offerings in various taverns and gay nightspots throughout San Francisco.

The Society for Individual Rights held a unique predawn breakfast performance of *Once Upon a Mattress* at its community center on 6th Street.

**Frolic and fundraiser stories aside, from the start the B.A.R. urged readers to become informed and involved.**

The Tavern Guild's charity fundraiser Circus Circus, an indoor carnival held at the California Hall on April 4, was announced on the front page of the paper.

An article by Bob Ross concerned a series of fundraisers for Uncle Billy Morell, who once ran a popular gay bar called the 585 Club on Post Street. Morell, a mainstay of the local gay scene, was seriously ill in a hospital and financially strapped.

The fundraisers brought in more than \$6,000 for Morell, according to the second issue of the paper on April 15.

But frolic and fundraisers aside, right from the start, the *Bay Area Reporter* urged readers to become politically informed and involved in the world around them. In the second issue of the paper, the editors reminded readers of the power of the gay vote.

There were an estimated 90,000 lesbians and gays living in San Francisco at the time. President of the Board of Supervisors, Dianne Feinstein, a candidate for mayor, was making an appearance at the Society for Individual Rights' center on 6th Street, and the B.A.R. urged its readers to meet Feinstein and question her on her views about gay rights and other topics.

In an informative piece on SIR, George Mendenhall, editor of *Vector Magazine*, the group's monthly membership magazine, spoke of the

role of the organization in the gay community.

Founded in 1964, SIR had grown to a membership of 1,100. In addition to providing social functions such as stage productions, dances, bowling and other activities, SIR also acted as a liaison between public officials and homosexual leaders in San Francisco, Mendenhall told B.A.R. readers.

The group also offered employment and housing referrals and other services.

The second issue of the paper also noted that the Tavern Guild, an association of gay bar owners, had purchased a film about venereal disease and donated it to the Health Department for use in educational presentations. Gay men were constantly urged to be tested and treated for VD.

In the same issue, a rumor about an alleged robbery and castration in a gay bathhouse, which spread through the Tenderloin like wildfire on Easter weekend, was noted and promptly debunked.

In the third issue on May 1, editors Michael Cunningham and Terry Alan Smith noted that at the end of April over 100,000 people participated in a massive peace march and rally against the Vietnam War held in San Francisco. The paper joined the marchers.

On the national scene, Charles Manson and three women followers had been convicted of the Tate-La Biana

murders just four months earlier; the Supreme Court had approved busing to achieve school integration; and a major earthquake had struck Southern California killing 64 people and injuring over 1,000.

In May, the paper reported that the Commission on Social Justice of the San Francisco Archdiocese had recommended that the Board of Supervisors add sexual orientation to the city's non-discrimination employment ordinance.

A feature on the history and aims of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual appeared in the May 1 issue. The article noted that the public first learned of the group following the Jan. 1, 1965 showdown with police at the Mardi Gras Ball at California Hall.

In that incident, San Francisco police raided the ball, shut it down, and filmed patrons. There were many arrests. The next day, a coalition of ministers, including Rev. Canon Robert Warren Crome of Grace Cathedral, Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, Rev. Charles Stewart and other religious leaders, held a press conference to denounce police tactics. Attorney Herb Donaldson, later Municipal Court Judge Donaldson, represented several of those arrested. A million-dollar claim was later filed against the city in the incident.



Dianne Feinstein shocked many readers when she revealed at the SIR question-and-answer session attended by over 300 gay people that she did not favor legalizing marriages for gay couples, was opposed to relaxing laws against prostitution, and berated proprietors of adult theatres and bookstores.

A march in support of AB 437, a measure by Assemblyman Willie Brown that would legalize consensual same sex acts between adults, was scheduled for June 19, according to one news item.

Two days after the *New York Times* began printing the Pentagon Papers on June 13, the B.A.R. reported a gay protest at the Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate Avenue.

The protest lambasted the federal government's policy of excluding open homosexuals from employment.

Gay activists passed out leaflets identifying themselves as openly gay people applying for jobs with the government as they stood inside the doors to the IRS and the Civil Service and federal job centers.

Outside the Federal Building, supporters picketed and held signs. Every major local

television and radio station reported on the event — and the two arrests.

In the same issue, the Tavern Guild announced that it would defend the Sonoma Seven, a group of men arrested for trespassing and assorted morals charges on private property during a Tavern Guild picnic held in Sonoma, California. The organization urged gay men not to engage in public sex or solicitation.

*Mother*, a lesbian newspaper, began publishing. The paper was available in women's bars, the June 15 B.A.R. noted.

Gay Pride Week festivities for 1971 included a rally and a march to Sacramento in support of AB437, more picketing at the Federal Building and a bus trip to the LA Gay Parade.

Land's End, a popular outdoor trysting spot near the Great Highway, was the subject of several busts for public sex, and the B.A.R. urged readers to abandon the practice.

KSAN-FM, the pioneer underground radio station, canceled a gay newscast by Leo Laurence because of alleged biased reporting. Gay activists



1971 visit to Federal Building was neither the gay community's first, nor its last.



Theatre group in Tenderloin performed *Tommy* in 1971.

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

Thank you for picking up a copy of the *Bay Area Reporter*. We sincerely hope that it pleases you, and that you will look forward to future issues. The Editors are striving to bring you a paper of news, information, and comedy. As you see we will have film reviews, horoscopes, camp articles as well as all serious news affecting our Bay Area community. This publication is in no way connected with any organization and will publish the views and thoughts of all groups. This paper will also try to help bridge the communication gap that seems to exist between groups in our own community. With this thought in mind the Editors solicit all your comments, both good and bad. You are our readers and as such have a right to honest opinions and criticisms.

This paper is brought to you by our advertisers, who by advertising herein both honor and appreciate your patronage. Our community is but a small segment of a large metropolitan complex, whose citizens for the most part could care less about our welfare, so support our own who do care.

Thank you again.

The Editors. April 1, 1971, Vol. 1, No. 1.

By the fourth issue of the B.A.R., the first letters started pouring in. An important voicebox for the gay and lesbian community, they've never stopped.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of B.A.R.:

Why not call your paper "Bay Area Drag Reporter"? Why all the drag articles? You think everyone cares about Sweetlips, "Empress," et. al? The majority of us are just people who happen to be homosexual. The Bay Area is crowded with talented people who could improve the quality of articles in your paper. Give us something more than the news of gad-about bar hounds.

Sincerely,

Mr. H. C. Casey, S. F.

P.S. I write this as helpful criticism because I think some of the articles are good and the paper has potential.

Dear Empress Cristal,

Just a note to say thank you for all those fun columns that you and your Court write. B.A.R. certainly is too serious in some of their articles. If it wasn't for you and your Court's fun and campy articles, B.A.R. would sure be dull. Keep up the good work.

R. Donohue

(Ed. note — there are two sides to every coin.)

launched a campaign to save the program, and it was later reinstated in a different format.

In August, the B.A.R. reported that Mayor Joseph Alioto had vetoed a Board of Supervisors resolution endorsing consensual sex among same sex adults. The paper urged readers to write Alioto in protest and warned the mayor that he had lost the gay vote.

The Oct. 1, 1971 issue of the paper carried a front-page photograph of Supervisor Bob Mendlesohn, who was running for re-election to the Board of Supervisors and courting the gay vote. As the November elections neared and Richard Hongisto was running for sheriff and Dianne Feinstein was running against Joseph Alioto for mayor, auctions, rallies and meet-the-candidates nights were held in gay bars, restaurants and other meeting places around town.

In October, the paper also noted that a Washington, D.C.,

District Court judge had ruled that the Defense Department could not ask questions about the sex lives of employees or withhold security clearances because an employee refused to answer such questions. The ruling concerned three cases, one of them involving gay scientist Richard Gayer, a San Francisco resident.

Writer Don Jackson began reporting on the treatment of gay inmates in state mental hospitals and prison medical facilities. In the Oct. 15 issue of the *Reporter*, Jackson told of Denver Roberts, whom Atascadero State Hospital physicians had tried to cure of homosexuality by attaching electrodes to his penis while showing him erotic pictures — and when he had an erection, shocking him.

One gay inmate named Charlie Barnes had two years added to his sentence for lying to an attendant.

Jackson also reported that physicians gave inmates succinylcholine, a paralytic. While

## Polk Street 'Gayla'

There was a time when Polk Street overshadowed Castro as the central focus of gay life in San Francisco. This uncredited story on the Polk Street Gala appeared in the May 15, 1971 B.A.R. The entertainment included the already notorious Cockettes. The police were surprisingly cooperative, and a good time was apparently had by all.

Polk Street is probably one of the most famous streets in the world. It is in this area that our community's heaviest concentration of businesses is to be found. What happens when you turn the people loose, and let them do their thing?

For one thing the outpouring of leather, lace, feathers and Levis is unbelievable. Bizarre attire, outrageous mannerisms and just plain camp hijinks make for a marvelous day. Mix this whole group with straight people, and you will have trouble, so one might think.

Not so, this was proven at the Polk Street Gala. People when given a chance, tend to be tolerant, and when a lot of fun is happening will also join in. This is what happened at the city's largest GAY-la to date.

On Saturday and Sunday (May 1st & 2nd.) Polk Gulch hosted an extraordinary affair. The Board of Supervisors, believe it or not, decreed that Polk St. be closed to all traffic from Sutter to Jackson. (We must thank the Polk St. Merchants Assn. for their perseverance.)

Although both days were typical San Francisco days, weather overcast with a threat of rain, the crowds were large. We walked the entire length of the fair on both days. On Saturday the crowds were hushed and seemed to be just "window shopping," however on Sunday the noise was loud and the populace were thoroughly enjoying themselves. One of the highlights was the children's zoo, the animals courtesy of the S.F. Zoo, the poor kids couldn't get near the animals what with all the adults fondling the pets. We stopped and had our fortunes told, this seemed to be a very popular concession and the fortunes very clever and well done. On the block between Bush and Pine Sts. was a well received concourse of antique and vintage cars. The Town

immobilized, the patient was told that he had been given the drug because his sexual behavior was "unacceptable."

In a later Jackson interview, he talked with Paul Mariah, a well-known poet/ex-convict who was labeled a "dangerous sex criminal" because he had oral sex with another man. Mariah was kept in a 6'x9' isolation cell for three years and lived in constant fear of electroshock treatment.



Squire also on this same block was presenting excellent chamber music. WE never thought we would see a harpsichord on Polk St. (Anything else, yes. Harpsichord wow) The City fathers erected a bandstand on the corner of California St. This was well used by several excellent groups, including the "RED GARTER BAND." The rock group "THE FLOWING MANE" however was the best and the audience really responded to wild, wild, music. I don't believe the audience was ready for the "COCKETTES," but on they came. WE must say that theirs is quite a show, and the straight as well as gay crowd really got right with it. (If you have never seen the COCKETTES, suggest you take in one of their midnight soirees at the Palace Theater on Powell and Columbus.) On this same block is the Gramophone Shop, and what a show they presented. Most of us have seen many go-go boys in our bars, but the straight people haven't. Of all the activity on the street none drew big-

ger crowds than the go-go boys. We must also compliment Neil of Jaguar Bookstore. He did a very funny camp drag go-go, and was well received.

The entire length of the gala was covered with artists and craftsmen of all natures. Our community was very well represented and all seemed to be doing well. If you missed Tony's wild candles, you can drop in at THE MINT and purchase same. It is good to see everyone doing their thing, and no one being offended.

Thanks must be extended to the Police Dept., who while being around, maintained discreet distances and handled the whole affair handsomely. We sincerely hope that while this is the first of its kind, it is not the last and there will be many more to come. This was indeed good public relations, and we need more of this. Thanks again to all the Polk St. merchants for giving us two fun-filled days. ▼

San Francisco.

Although the movement for gay liberation was actually decades old, 1971 was a pivotal year for San Francisco lesbians and gays. The winds of change were blowing strong, and the *Bay Area Reporter*, in just eight months, had become a strong voice in the movement for gay pride and power. ▼



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## 1972: Putting Gay Activism on the Record

by Dennis Conkin

The first issue of the second volume of the *Bay Area Reporter* hit the streets on New Year's Day 1972.

News, gossip and points of view were liberally sprinkled throughout each bi-weekly issue of the paper, which billed itself as the catalyst for all factions of the gay community.

And, there were definitely factions.

The gay civil rights movement of the '60s that had been

And if you didn't drink, some community group was always holding a dance. Or you could check out Sylvester and His Hot Band at the Shed.

Or hit the baths.

Although the dollar had been devalued in December 1971, and things weren't cheap, they were affordable. Thrifty gay shoppers could buy three heads of lettuce for 39 cents, a half dozen eggs for 37 cents, or a pound of ground chuck for 69 cents at Safeway.

A deluxe two bedroom apartment in Noe Valley ran \$230 a month. A three-room studio near Castro and Market went for \$165.

The two for one brunch at Page One, a hole in the wall restaurant in Natoma Alley, cost \$1.50, and a full course rack of lamb dinner at Jackson's at Powell and Bay cost \$6.

The *Bay Area Reporter's* coverage of the gay community provided a forum for diverse groups with varying interests to communicate with each other as a community struggling for self definition began to explode out of the closet and demand justice.

On the national scene, 18 year olds had won the right to vote just two months before; 139,000 U.S. troops were stationed in Vietnam, and Don McLean's single "American Pie" was a hit on the pop music charts.

Before the year was over, President Nixon would visit China, Alabama Gov. George Wallace would be the subject of an assassination attempt, and Congress would pass the Equal Rights Amendment and send it to the states for ratification. Five men would be tried for a break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Nixon would be re-elected president.

"Perjury as a Profession," a front page January report by writer Don Jackson, detailed the methods used by the Los Angeles Police Department Vice Squad to arrest gay men and others on sex crime charges.

The expose was based on the accounts of 46 arrests collected by criminal attorneys and Gay Liberation Front activists.

The religious oppression of lesbians and gays was the subject of an article in the same issue by lesbian activist Phyllis Lyon and co-writer Tom Maurer. The article told of the efforts of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual to educate the church about homosexuals. The group was founded in 1964.

But the news wasn't all serious.

The *Bay Area Reporter* held the CAMP Awards at California Hall for the best restaurant, bar, showroom,

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spearheaded by groups such as Daughters of Bilitis, Mattachine Society, Society for Individual Rights, and others had grown increasingly activist. Picket lines gave way to gay activist zaps, sit-ins and other forms of post-Stonewall protest that left some groups and some moderate gays uneasy and, frequently, outraged.

Gay activists and militants squared off with establishment gays and, often, each other. Gay radicals cast a curious eye at the drag and leather set. Lesbian feminists questioned gay male privilege, and everyone, it seemed, questioned gay hippies.

The gay revolution was in full tilt boogie and the goals and tactics of attaining gay liberation were prime subjects of conversation and debate. The San Francisco gay community, its culture and its institutions would never be the same.

Yet, amidst all the tension and change, it wasn't at all uncommon to walk into a gay bar or hash house in San Francisco and find members of one camp holding court with members from another over a bottle of beer.

Some of the popular bars of the era were Folsom Street's Ramrod, now known as My Place, Valencia Street's The Gaslight, Le Cave, a women's bar, and The New Belle Saloon on Polk Street. The Roundup, Rendezvous, Alley Cat, Scott's Pit, The Stud, The Naked Grape and the Kokpit were hot as well.

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### HOW THE VICE SQUAD OPERATES



Photographed at the ROUNDUP by Stan Walters

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#### PERJURY AS A PROFESSION

By Don Jackson

Two criminal attorneys and the *Gay Liberation Front* helped in collecting 46 eyewitness accounts of how the L.A. vice squad operates. Perusal of the case histories indicates that the widespread charges of entrapment are exaggerated. There are instances of entrapment, but more often the vice officers select their victims more or less at random from people found in public places. Later, when they get the victim to the station, they decide what to charge him with and write up an entirely fictitious police report. Since the officers plan to give perjured testimony anyway, there is no longer any need to use entrapment.

The general *modus operandi* indicated by the cases shows what the victim of a vice arrest can expect. He will be charged with a felony sex offense, which will later be reduced to a misdemeanor—providing he enters a guilty plea. At the trial, two vice officers will give entirely fabricated testimony that sounds like a play. The testimony will have no relevance whatsoever to the facts. However innocent he may be, the victim will be convicted, fined around \$500, given a two year probation, and forced to register regularly as a sex criminal for the rest of his life. The police will call his employer to make sure he gets fired. Later, a copy of the police report will be sent to the credit bureau to assure that prospective employers, creditors, lenders, and anyone else who asks will know about the arrest. It will be nearly impossible for the man to find a job again.

The victim will also get an attorney's bill of between \$1,000 and \$50,000, depending on his wealth and status. For an extra three to ten thousand, the arrest and court records can be made to

bathhouse, waiter, waitress, waiter, go-go boy and fraternal organization of the year. There were 19 categories of awards, and a few the audience hadn't counted on, such as Best Impersonation of a Drag Queen Award and The Oldest Chorus Girl Award.

The Loco Weather Report, a column by a satirist with the unlikely pen name Cecil Knockherworst Weatherbee, dished all comers with the local dirt. Sweetlips' gossip column did too, with up-to-the-minute news on the comings and goings and everything else happening in the bars. Aunt Millie, Lou Greene and others chimed in as well.

Mr. Marcus, later Emperor Marcus, covered the South of Market leather scene in his column "Southern Scandals." William E. Beardemph, who later became the publisher of another local gay newspaper, had a provocative weekly commentary.

In one 1972 column, Beardemph decried the women's liberation movement, the gay liberation movement and gay churches. In another, he suggested a "none" vote for president in

the November presidential elections.

El Scorp's astrology column let readers know what was happening in the Age of Aquarius, and Jay Noonan's "Two on the Aisle" theatre column kept readers informed about the latest stage productions. Terry Alan Smith covered entertainment and film along with other contributors. J.D. Miller reviewed books.

One ad in the paper trumpeted the Jan. 8 Imperial Court Coronation Ball at the Jack Tar Hotel and another proclaimed the finals for the Mr. Gay San Francisco Contest at the Rendezvous Bar on Sutter Street.

The judges of that competition, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church and Perry, a local personage of the era, included newly elected Sheriff Dick Hongisto, KGO personalities Sunny Buxton and Christine Lund, the Rev. Jim Sandmire and the Empress VII de San Francisco.

The installation of Jonni as Empress VII made the front page Jan. 15.

One defeated candidate for

the post made her entrance into the banquet room on the back of a Harley Davidson. The outgoing Empress Crystal was borne by four carriers on a feather-covered swan boat to the dais.

Jonni wore a white beaded gown with a white train as she received the royal robe, scepter, orb, crown and a dozen roses.

Right behind the account of the festivities came a chilling news account by newswriter Don Jackson of atrocities committed on male homosexual inmates at Atascadero State Hospital.

In that article Dr. Walter Freeman Sr. admitted performing prefrontal lobotomies on two or three gay inmates.

Freeman said the patients were "noticeably friendlier" after the brain surgery.

Freeman spoke at a press conference about a California State Department of Corrections plan to use psychosurgery on inmates. It was later dropped, but gay inmates often received electroshock therapy and treatment with chemical straightjackets.

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A cover story in 1972 detailed the comments of George Dye, the Republican candidate for the 10th Assembly District. Dye, from Contra Costa County, proposed a state law calling for the castration of all homosexuals. Unfortunately, the report included what was believed to be Dye's home phone number. The number was incorrect and the paper apologized to a hapless Pitts-

burgh, California, resident with the same name. The real Dye was not elected to the post.

By 1971, under Mayor Joseph Alioto, there were an unbelievable 110 sodomy and oral sex convictions.

Conviction on misdemeanor solicitation-type charges required registration as a sex offender. In 1971 more than 2,500 arrests on homosexual solicitation acts had been made.

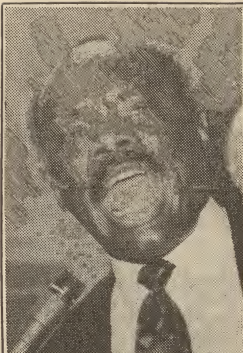
The *Bay Area Reporter* told the story of one young man who spent 12 years in Vacaville State Medical Facility after being sentenced to a one-year-to-life term. He was arrested and charged when his landlady peeked through a keyhole and observed him masturbating behind a locked bathroom door. The charge: lewd and lascivious conduct.

In the same April 15 article the suicide of Westley Ashmore, 25, was reported. Ashmore, known as Lil Bit, was serving a one-year-to-life sentence for a 1969 conviction for lewd and lascivious conduct.

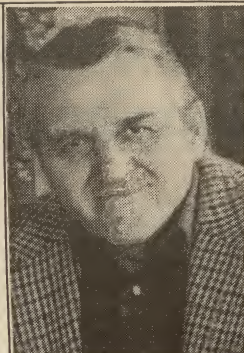
Ashmore was repeatedly denied parole due to "immoral conduct." Shortly before his death, Ashmore was again denied parole for engaging in "immoral conduct" with another inmate in a shower.

From demonstrations at Vacaville to demonstrations at City Hall, gay political power in San Francisco was on the rise, and no target of righteous gay rage was spared.

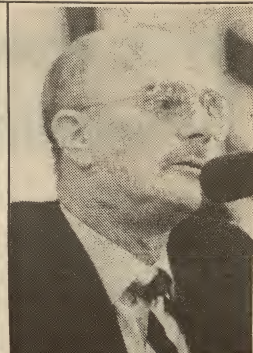
When the United Bay Area



Willie Brown



William E. Beardemphl



Jim Foster

Crusade, later to become United Way, declined a \$49,000 grant for a gay community center, their annual meeting was zapped by 150 lesbian, gay and other minority activists.

The demonstration protested the fact that gay people gave millions of dollars to the charity but it wouldn't fund gay or minority-based needs.

The demonstrators pushed their way into a board of directors meeting, took over the microphone, held a kiss-in and elected its own mock UBAC board. The police riot squad was called but there were no arrests.

The Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club formed and began endorsing candidates and placing ads for Assembly District, U.S. congressional and presidential candidates. Judges and the like

sought gay endorsements and financial support. One of its founders, Jim Foster, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami. Foster made a nationally televised speech pleading for gay rights at the convention as a McGovern delegate.

The May 17, 1972 *Bay Area Reporter* carried a news item that on April 27, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors outlawed job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Attorney Earl "Rick" Stokes mounted an unsuccessful campaign for a Community College Board seat.

The first San Francisco gay parade was held on June 25. An estimated 50,000 people lined the downtown parade route as the 3,000 participants, on floats and in contingents, rolled down Market Street.

On July 9, 1972, according to a news account in the July 12 issue by Robert Ross, co-publisher and co-editor-in-chief, an arsonist torched the Society for Individual Rights Center on Sixth Street. Dam-

age was estimated at more than \$35,000. The building, that had served as a gay community center since 1966, was a total loss.

Months of fundraisers throughout gay bars and venues raised enough funds for the eight-year-old organization. The SIR Center reopened on Nov. 14.

The same month SIR and the American Civil Liberties Union objected to the closed Defense Department hearing about the security clearance and possible termination of Allan Rock, a DOD employee who was openly gay. They brought supporters and the press to the hearing.

The *Bay Area Reporter* also received word in November that a planned Christmas party for gay inmates at Vacaville Medical Facility and the California Men's Colony prisons were denied due to "security problems" and the fact that the newspaper had published critical news accounts of the treatment of gay prisoners in such institutions.

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### Militant Gays vs. Establishment Gays

While gay activists were busy battling such homophobic practices, they were also fighting "establishment gays" in the community.

"Gay Militants Zap S.I.R. Dinner" was the banner headline on the Feb. 1, 1972 issue.

About 30 "noisy demonstrators" zapped the \$12-a-plate fundraiser for state Assemblyman Willie Brown, held by the Society for Individual Rights on Jan. 15 at the San Franciscan Hotel.

The "gay militants" claimed that devoting community energy to Brown's Assembly bill decriminalizing consenting sex acts between adults was a "useless activity that would not end the persecution of gays."

According to the news report, the protesters were also angry that they were excluded from a sex law reform conference preceding the fundraiser by SIR political chairman Jim Foster.

Dinner guests were denounced as "fascists" and many turned away from the picket lines.

UPI picked up the zap and it was reported all over the world.

The Committee for Sexual Law Reform was formed during the conference to work for the passage of Brown's Assembly Bill 437, which failed in 1971. The group would target presidential candidates George McGovern (D.S.D.), Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) and Paul McCloskey (R-Calif.) for support.

Gay sex was still a crime. Felony oral copulation or sodomy convictions brought a one-year-to-life sentence in California State Prisons. Parole boards refused to parole

## GRAND OPENING!

OCT. 12 thru 14

Guest Host **PERRY**

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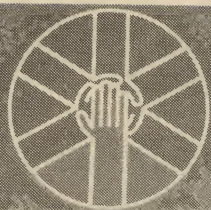
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## 1973: Protests, Parties Porn and Procuring

by Dennis Conkin

In January 1973 state Sen. George Moscone was one of the guests at the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club's open house at its Noe Street headquarters. Moscone, a former supervisor, held the record for the most state Senate bills rejected by Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Writer and prison rights activist Don Jackson reported in the Jan. 10 *B.A.R.* that a New York State Superior Court judge had ordered the release of a gay man from Attica State Prison on the grounds that incarcerating homosexuals in prison constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

The prisoner, Michael Dodd, had been convicted on first degree assault charges pressed by his gay lover.

Judge David Boehm ordered Dodd's release and placed him on probation, saying that had he remained in jail he would become an object of barter and probably

killed.

In the same issue Bill Beardemphl was under fire for commentary critical of the management of the Society for Individual Rights. He was also critical of Supervisor Diane Feinstein, who he called our "Ann Landers Supervisor." The letter was signed by SIR member Jim Foster, Mattachine's Hall Call, SIR President Bill Plath, and Emperor Marcus and others.

San Francisco Police Department surveillance of gay prostitution in several hotels was exposed by the Gay Alliance in January. Eight hotels and motels including the Marks Hopkins, the San Francisco Hilton and the Jack Tar Hotel allowed members of the SFPD Special Services Unit to use rooms on their premises to enforce prostitution laws.

The Vice Squad would call models from newspaper ads, including the *Bay Area Reporter*, and invite them to the hotel room. Once inside the rooms the models would

be arrested if they offered sex for sale.

The same month Elmon Clifton, proprietor of the Gaslight, a popular gay bar on Valencia Street that featured go-go boys, was cleared of charges of procuring for indecent exposure. His dancers were freed of charges of indecent exposure after a Municipal Court judge tossed out the charges and ruled that naked dancing was not illegal.

The Rev. Ray Broshears and other activists were angry that the Rev. Bill Johnston, the first openly gay man ordained by the United Church of Christ, was appointed as executive director of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

Broshears, the head of a small denomination known as the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God in Christ, felt Johnston's appointment was "a reactionary conservative" move by CRH.

Petitions by San Franciscans for Representative Gov-



Luscious Lorelei, aka Paul Bentley, was one of the founders of the *B.A.R.*

ernment, requiring that supervisors be elected by district and requiring supervisors to live in the neighborhoods they represent, were headed for the ballot.

Emperor Marcus reported in his "Southern Scandals" column that the California Motorcycle Club was celebrating its 10-year anniversary with a "glittering celebration."

*Bijou*, a porno movie by Wakefield Poole, was billed as a "head as well as crotch film," according to film reviewer Montezuma in a February issue.

Nineteen-day Caribbean cruises for gay men that included a flight from San Francisco to Miami, nine ports of call in the Caribbean and a stop in Alcapulco, and all meals on board ship were going fast at \$680, according to one ad in the paper.

A gay man was appointed to a seat on the Citywide Alcoholism Advisory Board. The subcommittee of the Mental Health Advisory Board was a state-mandated board that was developing a comprehensive five-year plan for alcoholism services in San Francisco.

Writer Don Jackson reported on the sexual exploitation of gay prisoners and the split between gay activists and gay prison activists. According to Jackson, longtime gay activist Morris Knight of Los Angeles was critical of the gay press for puff personality pieces and ignoring the meaningful work of programs like Join Hands, a gay prison outreach group.

Join Hands became a member of the activist Prisoner's Union, led by Popeye Jackson, after a walkout of a statewide prison conference in December 1972 because the issue of gay prisoners was not on the agenda.

Metropolitan Community Church filed suit in San Fran-

cisco District Court to force the State Department of Corrections to stop prohibiting MCC ministers from providing pastoral visits and counseling to gays in state prison.

In March, gay activists held a zap along a two-mile route that hit the Hilton Hotel garage police station sub-unit, the Bank of America and the Federal Building where they protested federal hiring discrimination. The 33-person contingent then went to City Hall and the Board of Supervisors chambers and also held a sit-in in Mayor Alioto's office. The group left Alioto's office after a meeting with an aide and went to the sheriff's City Hall office and the assessor's office and then they held a sit-in in Sen. Milton Marks' office. The group then went to KGO to blast television newscasters "for sexist and smirking remarks" about gay rights.

On April 20, activists held a major demonstration at Pacific Telephone Co., which refused to hire gay people and fired employees they discovered were gay.

More than 1,000 people gathered at Civic Center Plaza in front of City Hall for the kickoff of the second Tricycle Race sponsored by The Mint and other gay bars.

More than 10,000 people participated in the annual Gay Pride Parade on June 24.

The same day, 29 people died in an arson fire at The Upstairs, a popular gay bar in New Orleans' French Quarter. At least 15 other people were injured.

Many of those who died were unable to escape through barred front windows. Among those who died were the pastor, assistant pastor and several members of the New Orleans MCC, which held its meetings in a hall above the bar. At the conclu-

## Zap-a-Long Into the Mayor's Office

The zap-a-long held by the Gay Alliance, with 33 zappers marching a two-mile zap route, hit the Hilton Hotel garage jail, the Bank of America, the Federal Building (to protest hiring discrimination against gays) and City Hall, where 300 people watched in awe as the zappers zapped City Hall into shock.

At City Hall, the zappers went inside — something that the Gay Alliance has never done before as a body — into the Board of Supervisors meeting room, where they had a warm reception from Bruce Rafal, aide to Board President Ron Pelosi. From there it was into the mayor's office, where the group staged a sit-in, which ended with John DeLuca, the mayor's right-hand man, meeting with Gay Alliance chairperson, Reverend Ray Broshears.

Broshears described the meeting as extremely informative and productive, but refused to give the *B.A.R.* any details, saying, "I think that the gay people of San Francisco have been misrepresented to the mayor in the past, and there are going to be better days ahead."

From the mayor's office, the zappers zapped into the office of the sheriff, where Undersheriff Smith met with them. All agreed that he's a nice guy, nicer than Hongisto, but they accomplished the same with him, *nothing*.

Zapping along, they went into the office of the assessor, who has been harassing the Gay Alliance, and did a "book-in," with record books being read by the members and left open for the inspection of anyone coming into the office. The assessor's office just wasn't ready for that.

From there, the zappers went to the State Building and did a sit-in at the office of Sen. Milton Marks. His aide, Harvey Haukari, met with the sit-inners and sat-in with them, and rapped with the zappers for an hour, assuring them of whatever assistance the senator could give.

Haukari said to the *B.A.R.* that the zap sit-in was the most exciting thing that has happened to the State Building in years and that he enjoyed having a chance to rap with the mostly Tenderloin denizens. He said that he considers the problems they are having with various officials quite serious.

From the State Building, the zappers went to KGO to protest the consistently sexist smirking remarks made by KGO-TV newscasters Jerry Jensen, Van Amberg, John Jock O'Reilly and Peter Giddings. But things went into a frenzy at KGO with the receptionist hitting the alarm bell, the minute the zappers came into the lobby, and yelling for help.

Nearly 80 persons came to

her "rescue" and surrounded the zappers with billy clubs. The zappers demanded a meeting with Russ Coughlin, station manager, who has refused to respond to complaints about Newsroom 4. Zappers were informed that he was out of town, and acting in his absence were Sonny Buxton and David Crane, who both kept shouting that they "would not be Mau Maued by a bunch of faggots."

Greatly outnumbered, the zappers left the station, with a promise to return if Buxton continued to refuse or evade meetings with the Gay Alliance concerning the biased words of the newsroom newscasters.

After three-and-a-half hours, the zappers returned to their starting point and had a few refreshments.

Television Channel KQED-9 gave extensive coverage to the zap-a-long, calling it a "well-organized, orderly, clever and productive demonstration." KPIX-5 gave some coverage to the event.

The only bad part of the zap-a-long was the "bad-mouthings of an elected officer of S.I.R., who said that such things gave the gay 'community' a bad image using those drag queens." The Gay Alliance came back with a nice thank you and ignored the person. ▼

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sion of service, members of ten joined bar patrons for supper served in the bar.

Gay psychologist John Newmeyer of the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic issued a warning about the dangers of Quaaludes, a hypnotic sedative drug that was popular in the community.

A community meeting about a gay-positive mental health agency for lesbians and gays known as Operation Concern was held in July. Gay and lesbian therapists spoke about the community's mental health needs and talked of the developing project. Thousands of dollars were being raised to get the program going.

Guy Straight, a gay liberationist who founded the League for Civil Education, a '60s gay rights group, was arrested on child molestation charges after "kiddie porn" was seized at his Los Angeles mansion. LCE was the forerunner of SIR. He was held on a \$100,000 bond.

In September the results of a reader survey of B.A.R. readers was published. More than 84 percent were registered to vote, and two out of three were Democrats.

Half of the respondents worked full time; 21 percent were unemployed; 6 percent were students; 5 percent were retired; and 4 percent were self employed. Most said they used alcohol and as many said they smoked marijuana.

In November the United States Mission, a gay service group, was in court on charges of duping the public over a benefit voters were urged to vote for Harvey Milk for supervisor and for district elections.

Relations between gays and police soothed a bit, according to a December issue, when Police Chief Donald Scott threw out the first ball in a softball game between officers from Central Station and the gay community softball team. More than \$1,000 were raised for charity. ▼

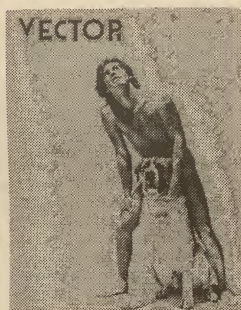
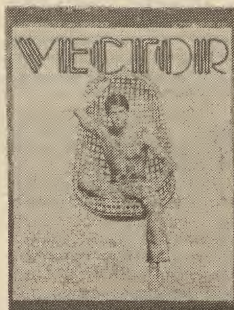
## Sense of 'Gay Community' Created by Journalism

by George Mendenhall

The sense of "gay community" in Northern California became a reality with the advent of gay newspapers.

Going back 140 years one can only surmise what the gold rush days were like in the mid-1850s. If recorded history is to be believed, there were only eager heterosexual males waiting for the next stage coach of migrating women, the women in dance halls seeking out men.

However, there is good reason to believe that there was considerable gay sex. There were numerous public steam baths, male-oriented bars and hotels that advertised "Bugger Rooms" where men could share a bed with a



S.I.R.'s *Vector* was among the predecessors to the B.A.R.

stranger. ("Buggery" eventually became synonymous with sodomy). For sure, some women of the era were looking elsewhere rather than trying to find husbands, legend to the contrary. But there were no publications then to record this activity.

The "sin town" reputation — largely attributed to straight activity — that San Francisco gained from the gold rush days continued for the next 100 years. Many gay people — not in the mainstream — had almost no communication with one another outside of person-to-person contacts in bars and steam baths and an occasional newsletter.

The first public gay-oriented magazines surfaced in the mid-1950s — *The Mattachine Review* (1955-1966) and the *Ladder* (1956-1972). Both had news items but primarily featured articles on gay rights and short stories. This was more than 100 years after the '49ers sought gold.

The *Review* (1,500 subscribers) was published by Hal Call and Don Lucas, the founders of The Mattachine Society, a gay male group in an oppressive atmosphere that forced some members to use pseudonyms.

The *Ladder*, the publication of the Daughters of Bilitis, was the first lesbian publication to come out on a regular basis. Its first editor was Phyllis Lyon, who with her lover, Del Martin, had founded D.O.B. Martin recalls that its circulation never got higher than 750 "because so many in those days were afraid."

In those days you could lose your job if you were found to be gay. Daily newspapers headlined "PERVERTS ARRESTED" when gay people were rounded up. Sometimes an arrested gay person's home address and employer were published. There were gay bars but arrests by plainclothes police officers and state beverage control agents were common in gay bars — those bars that did or S.I.R. The male-oriented S.I.R. published the first full-size, slick monthly — *Vector*

(1964-1976). S.I.R. had 400 members and a circulation of 600 for its magazine. *Vector*

## The first public gay-oriented magazines surfaced in the mid-1950s.

not pay off police officers for protection.

In this period one of the brave ones was Guy Strait, who formed the League for Civil Education and published *L.C.E. News* (1961-1967), which attempted to organize a gay voting bloc and to inform gay people of their legal rights.

Out of L.C.E. came a much larger organization, the Society for Individual Rights, was also sold in gay bars. Although put together by amateurs, it had many photos of community activities and articles about social equality, political action, legal rights, books and films.

S.I.R. and *Vector* magazine were successful — too successful. The group's many activities began to disperse as the gay community expanded into many outside political, drama and social groups. It lost a major source of income as bars were permitted to have dancing and S.I.R. no longer had the only police-approved gay dance in the city. By 1971 S.I.R. and *Vector* magazine were fading. A new publication appeared on the scene.

The Rev. Ray Broshears brought out *The Gay Crusader* (1972-1982). Although the newspaper's circulation was small, its volatile news/com-

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## GASLIGHT NUDES NOT GUILTY!

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On Monday, January 22, Judge Lynch of the Municipal Court declared that nude dancing was not illegal and dismissed all charges against the GASLIGHT, its owner, Elmon Clifton, and the boy dancer cited for indecent exposure. B.J. Beckwith was the attorney representing Mr. Clifton on charges 314.1 - Indecent Exposure — and 314.2 - Procuring People for Indecent Exposure. The case was dismissed with Not Guilty the verdict on both charges.

Perhaps now local police harassment of the GASLIGHT will cease and the boy dancers will be able to work without fear of being busted for showing what God gave them. It is a definite victory for the GASLIGHT and all other clubs who feature nude gogo boys.

So, the GASLIGHT is still in business and going strong. The judge declared there was nothing illegal in dancing nude, as long as it is not lewdly performed. L.A. had had nude gogo shows for years, long before it came to San Francisco, with little harassment. How strange that the city that introduced topless dancing to the world (thank you, Miss Doda) and currently shows everything nightly on Broadway should suddenly become so modest about one naked male on a stage. The guardians of our public morals have struck again! But isn't it reassuring to know the police of the Castro-Valencia Valley area are so crime-free they can take the time to peep in every fifteen minutes at the GASLIGHT to make sure THEIR sense of decency isn't outraged? Thank you, Judge Lynch, for seeing the matter in its true perspective!



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## 1974: Being Gay No Longer A 'Disorder,' Castro Fair Starts

by Dennis Conkin

When the first issue of the fourth volume of the *Bay Area Reporter* was published in January 1974, the paper had a readership of more than 50,000 nationwide.

Two months earlier President Richard Nixon had turned over the White House tapes — complete with an 18½-minute gap — and Gerald Ford had been vice president for about a month.

Frieda had just been invested as Empress IX de San Francisco and the End Up bar had just installed a glass dance floor.

An arsonist had struck Tiffany's Restaurant at 1900 Market St. The fire spread to the roof of the six-story Allen Arms apartments above the premises. The restaurant was gutted, and many apartment residents were left homeless. Damage to the restaurant was estimated at \$75,000.

The Ad Hoc Committee Against Soviet Oppression of Homosexuals held a demonstration at the Soviet Embassy on Green Street to protest the oppression of Soviet gays. The demonstration was called following the arrest of Sergei Paradjanov, a prominent filmmaker, on homosexuality charges in Kiev.

The first issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* for 1974 also noted that the American Psychiatric Association had voted to remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. The group also passed a resolution urging the repeal of all state and local sodomy laws.

The Mayan Health Club, a gay bathhouse in Berkeley, announced its grand opening in the fourth issue, and advertised for a singing troubadour to entertain patrons.

A gay women's rap group formed in February and so did a free meditation group for lesbians and gays.

Emmaus House, a gay liberation crash pad, information and counseling center started Golden Gate Gay Liberation House, a half-way house that assisted gays with alcohol and drug problems.

According to a news item, attorneys for a New York group called the Gay Raiders had issued a subpoena to CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite. The group had disrupted Cronkite's Dec. 11, 1972 telecast.

In an editorial in the same issue, *B.A.R.* Publisher Bob Ross spoke out strongly on the issue of so-called gay royalty. What had started out as fun had become troublesome. Not only was there an empress and emperor, there were duchesses and czarinas and every sort of titular designation under the sun.

"Several years ago, the Tavern Guild thought it would be camp if we were to have an empress in San Francisco. With this thought in mind, the Guild held an election and Jose became the founder of the dynasty of the San Francisco empresses," Ross wrote.

He pointed out that the Tavern Guild had created some titles as a way of honoring people for their outstand-

ing service to the community, and said that funds raised in connections with the Imperial Court system went for charitable causes.

Yet, Ross noted, there seemed to be "a headlong rush to copyright and incorporate every title known to man and then some."

"What started out as a fun, camp thought for this community is now developing into a purported big business."

Ross urged members of the gay community to consider who was sponsoring fundraisers and to demand accountability for the funds raised.

On Feb. 26 the Tavern Guild sponsored a meeting of bar owners and managers with the state's Alcohol and Beverage Control Board.

Steve Gin, head of the Investigative Section of the San Francisco District ABC, acknowledged that bars that displayed nude photographs of men or distributed gay magazines would be cited under ABC regulations prohibiting such displays.

However, Gin said, that he wouldn't come into a bar specifically for that purpose.

Gin also said that while a "peck on the cheek" by bar patrons of the same sex would not merit a citation, he would be impelled to cite them if there was "spit swapping and tongue kissing."

Gin also said that he did not believe that any San Francisco ABC investigator took bribes or payoffs. He reported that his office had



Shirley MacLaine was among the stars interviewed by the *B.A.R.*'s Don McLean in 1974.

asked the Alameda County district attorney to arrest and bring charges against an Oakland ABC agent for taking bribes. Gin said the man had been sentenced to 15 years in state prison for the crime.

The sixth issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* for 1974 reported that Senate Bill 39 had passed the Senate and was headed for the state Assembly. The bill made felony oral copulation and sodomy legal for heterosexuals but illegal for homosexuals.

The bill called for felony penalties for gay or lesbian sexual intercourse and gay or lesbian "sexual touching" of the genitals or breasts — including such touching through the clothing. The proposed penalty was six months to five years in state prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Misdemeanor solicitation of such acts was to be punished by a six-month term in county jail and a fine of up to \$500.

A news item in the same issue told about the discharge upgrade project of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War-Winter Soldier Organizations for veterans, including gay vets, to upgrade their less than honorable discharges from the military.

According to a press release, the Pride Foundation filed a formal complaint with the city's Human Rights Commission, charging employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Such discrimination was illegal under the administrative code by companies with city contracts.

ACHVAH, the Gay Jewish Union of the Bay Area, held a Purim Masquerade Ball at the SIR center on 6th Street.

In April 1974 Speaker of the California State Assembly Bob Moretti spoke against victimless crimes and called for the decriminalization of consensual sex acts between adults. His comments were made in a front page statement in the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The problem of alcoholism in the gay community began to receive serious attention. Rusty Smith, an openly gay recovered alcoholic, was ap-

pointed coordinator of the Alcoholism Center for Homosexuals, a project of the Whitman Radclyffe Foundation. Smith's post was funded by the City and County of San Francisco.

Drug problems in the gay community received serious attention from the *Bay Area Reporter* as well. A series of articles reprinted from *VIVA* magazine detailed the dangers of sedative and hypnotic drugs.

The *Bay Area Reporter* noted that a free bus shuttle starting at the East Bay Terminal was making an hourly circuit between bars. The trip started at the East Bay Terminal on First Street and hit the Wild Goose on Sutter Street, the P.S. on Polk Street, went to the Castro's Toad Hall, hit the Boot Camp and the 527 Club on Bryant and then the Folsom Prison, Fe-Be's, a few other bars and wound up just an hour later at The Roundup. Tickets were free at each bar.

As the June 1974 elections neared, Issue 10 carried a front page article by Harvey Milk, who urged readers to vote for Fr. Eugene Boyle, an activist Roman Catholic priest, against Assemblyman John Foran for the 16th Assembly District. Publishers Bob Ross and Paul Bentley also endorsed Boyle.

Milk also urged a vote for Assemblyman John Burton for the unexpired 5th Congressional San Francisco-Marine seat vacated by Rep. William Mailliard, who resigned to become ambassador to the Organization of American States.

Milk also announced that he was starting a gay voter registrars group. He wanted 100 gay volunteers to register 100 voters. Milk announced the meeting would be held in his camera shop at 575 Castro St. at 7 p.m. sharp the day after the June 4 elections. In addition to his bi-weekly commentary and opinion that was eventually dubbed "The Milk Forum," Milk also reported for the paper.

The *B.A.R.* issued its own June election endorsements. Democrats were urged to vote for Bob Moretti for governor and Mervyn Dymally for lieutenant governor. John Burton was endorsed for the 5th Congressional District and George Moscone for the 6th Congressional District. Boyle was recommended for the 16th A.D. and Willie Brown was recommended for the 17th.

Gay Republicans were urged to vote for Houston Flournoy for governor. Peace and Freedom Party members were urged to vote for the Rev. Ray Broshers for the 5th Congressional District.

Broshers was a Tenderloin-based self-styled gay activist who founded a local chapter of Gay Activists Alliance and an early gay version of the Guardian Angels called the Lavender Panthers. He had his own gay paper, constituency and was well known for his controversial and publicity-gathering tactics.

The *Bay Area Reporter* also noted in the same issue

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that SIR was 10 years old. It was the anniversary as well of the infamous 1964 raid on a gay dance at California Hall.

There was a serious outbreak of Shigella, a form of bacteria dysentery, in the gay community and readers were advised against sexual practices that would transmit the bug.

On June 24, according to a report in Issue 13, gay entertainer Joseph (Jae) Stevens was murdered at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park.

Stevens, 27, a well known female impersonator, was stabbed five times.

The Bay Area Reporter had a float in the third annual Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 30. A total of 86 organizations and more than 30,000 people took part in the spectacle.

The second annual Gay vs. Cops softball game was held on June 29. About 2,000 fans attended. Chief of Police Don Scott threw out the first ball to no avail. The Twin Peaks team beat the cops a solid 9-4.

The Tavern Guild sponsored a blood drive for the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and helped start a gay merchants group called the Community Guild.

Fruit Punch, a one-year-old gay radio collective, aired programs on ageism in the gay community and a segment about growing up black and gay on their weekly 90-minute KPFA-FM program.

With a half-time therapist providing mental health counseling to gays at Family Service Agency, Operation Concern held a series of fundraisers to hire more counselors. A Tavern Guild benefit, the third annual Circus-Circus and other affairs raised more than \$10,000 for the agency in July.

The fifth annual conference of the Metropolitan Commu-

ty Church drew more than 2,000 from around the United States the same month.

On the national scene, the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee voted to return three articles of impeachment against President Nixon. He resigned on Aug. 8 after he released tapes indicating he had ordered a cover-up of the Watergate burglary. Gerald Ford became president.

Two suspects were arrested near the scene in the Aug. 15 slaying of Peter Taylor, 26, who was stabbed to death on Polk Street at 1 a.m.

Taylor and a friend, were stabbed as they were leaving the Windjammer restaurant-bar. Taylor's companion was only slightly injured.

The first annual Castro Street Fair was held on Aug. 18. On Sept. 1, 14 gay men were arrested for blocking the sidewalk on Castro Street and charged with loitering. One of the arresting officers, according to a news account by Harvey Milk, beat and kicked some of the men who were arrested.

The incident stemmed from the arrest of one individual in front of Cliff's Variety Store. When officers told a crowd of gay men watching the arrest to disperse, they refused.

The same weekend 19 gay men were arrested by police at Collingwood Park.

All the men arrested in both incidents pleaded innocent on arraignment and demanded jury trials. Fifteen of the Collingwood Park cases were dismissed. Four pleaded guilty to lesser charges and then had those charges dismissed.

Those arrested on Sept. 1 were dubbed the Castro 14 and a legal defense fund was created.

Attorneys from SIR, including John Wahl, Rick Stokes, B.J. Beckwith and oth-

ers provided free legal defense.

In September, according to the Bay Area Reporter Issue 19, Bob Cramer was elected the 3rd emperor of San Francisco.

An episode of *Marcus Welby, M.D.* on ABC-TV that dealt with the homosexual rape of a 14-year-old student by his science teacher was condemned by the National Gay Task Force. The group chastised ABC for perpetuating the stereotype that gays prey on children.

A shooting in the Jubilee, a gay bar on East 14th Street in Oakland, left Edy La Fleur, owner of a Montclair Beauty Salon, dead. A robber shot La Fleur after holding up Jubilee owner Val Souza at gun point. La Fleur had run after the robber after he forced Souza to hand over \$350.

The Bay Area Reporter endorsed the Democratic Brown-Dymally gubernatorial ticket in November.

The same month, Teamsters Union Local 888 Beer Drivers asked the gay community to join the boycott of Coors beer after Adolph Coors Brewing Co. rejected the union's affirmative action policy.

In December's Issue 26, the Bay Area Reporter informed readers that attorney Rick Stokes was filing a \$1.375 million lawsuit against the city on behalf of 11 persons arrested on Castro Street on Labor Day. The suit alleged police brutality and misconduct and excessive force that resulted in great bodily injury and mental distress.

And, East Bay Gay announced that it was changing its name to Pacific Center for Human Growth, after it received a \$2,500 grant to open a center for sexual minorities. The initial grant was made by the University of California at Berkeley. ▼

## Marcus Welby Anti-Gay?

### Gays Protest TV Show

A 1974 episode of *Marcus Welby, M.D.* galvanized gay rights groups across the country. Protests were held in a number of cities, including San Francisco. Rev. Ray Broshers, who participated in the local protests, reported on the show in an Oct. 2, 1974 edition.

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A forthcoming episode of the television series *Marcus Welby, M.D.* that deals with the sexual molestation of a 14-year-old boy by one of his teachers has been rejected for broadcast by three ABCTV stations, largely as a result of a coordinated national campaign by homosexual rights groups.

Four regular advertisers have also withdrawn for that episode. They are Bayer Aspirin, Listerine, Gallo wine and Ralston Purina.

Bruce Voeller, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, said the concern of the homosexual rights organizations was chiefly that "the take-home message of the program was that the rape was a homosexual one," since both the teacher and the pupil are male.

He said it was feared that this would reinforce old myths about homosexuals and plays upon the apprehensions of parents, at a time when homosexual rights legislation is pending in the Congress and about 20 cities.

"We feel the program will definitely have a chilling effect on legislation which would protect gays from discrimination in employment and housing," Voeller said.

Although two of the largest affiliates, WPVITV in Philadelphia and WCVB in Boston, were among those rejecting the program, ABCTV will carry the episode October 8, as scheduled, a network spokesman said.

The third station to cancel, KATC in Lafayette, La., probably acted more from concern with the subject matter than with the alleged injustice to homosexuals, the spokesman added.

Voeller noted that homosexual rights organizations in a number of other large cities, with support from clergymen and psychiatrists, were still attempting to persuade their local ABC stations to keep the show off the air.

According to Voeller, some of the most reliable studies of sex offenses against children, including those published by the Kinsey Institute and the American Humane Society, have found that child molestation is almost exclusively heterosexual.

ABC executives maintained that the *Marcus Welby* episode does not deal with a homosexual teacher but with a pedophile, one who has erotic desires toward children. They noted that on several occasions in the program the point is made that the teacher is not homosexual.

The homosexual rights organizations contend, however, the disclaimers do not mitigate the clear homosexual implication in the situation of a male adult attacking a male child.

**"We feel the program will definitely have a chilling effect on legislation which would protect gays from discrimination in employment and housing."**

—Bruce Voeller, NGTF

Note: Although the above named ABC affiliate stations have canceled, the vast number of people in America will unfortunately see the show. Markets such as St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta, Houston, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Washington, Baltimore, New Orleans and Kansas City have for sure ruled that they will air the show.

Here in the Bay Area, Mr. Robert Hosefeldt of ABC in San Jose, KNTV Channel 11, which is seen clearly in San Francisco-Oakland, has viewed the show and told us here that he will most definitely show the *Outrage*, that he saw nothing wrong with it. Bob Hosefeldt shows very little understanding about such shows, it is most obvious.

In San Francisco, Monday Sept. 30, a private showing of the *Outrage* was held by Russ Coughlin, general manager of KGO-TV, and several "in people," with the result being that Channel 7, ABC San Francisco, will show the *Welby* show on Oct. 8 at 10 p.m.

I spoke with Coughlin concerning the show, and he said that he viewed it carefully, and has made the decision it will be shown. He said he did not find it objectionable. He said, "That's show biz," concerning our picket at 11 a.m. ▼

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# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1975: Important Sex Law Passes in Sacramento

by Dennis Conkin

In 1975 the *Bay Area Reporter* decided to try something different. Although the newspaper's masthead remained the same, the first 17 issues of the publication featured a slick cover. Empress Doris was the featured cover girl on the first issue, after she aced out Fat Fairy for the coveted Imperial Court title of Empress 10 de San Francisco by vote of 448-272.

The annual coronation, the highlight of San Francisco drag society, was marred, however, when someone pulled a royal heist and absconded with the banner and pennants of the various former emperors and empresses. Someone also made off with an entertainer's full length possum fox coat.

Film reviewer Montezuma retired. His farewell column noted the holiday movies of the season: *The Godfather Part 2*, *Young Frankenstein* and *The Towering Inferno*.

Bay Area Gay Liberation formed the last week of January. More than 150 people attended the second organizational meeting at the First Unitarian Church. The groups goals were to end police harassment and brutality, stop media stereotyping of lesbians and gays, pass gay rights legislation, and educate against racism and sexism in the gay community.

An amendment to the City Charter sought to increase the size of the Police, Fire and Civil Service Commission from three to five members, and provided that no more than a majority could be of the same sex. Sexual opportunity and equal rights were familiar phrases, noted lesbian activist Del Martin, but would continue to be meaningless until there was equal representation in government. Martin noted that the proposed charter amendment was backed by the Bay Area Women's Coalition.

In a February column, Harvey Milk slammed gay political groupies and said gays should withhold endorsing political candidates until they make policy statements about the inclusion of gays in government and not just mouth platitudes about gay rights. Milk also blasted anti-gay bias within the United Farm Workers Union and said that Cesar Chavez should meet with gay leaders and publicly support gay rights.

In March, Milk announced that he was running for supervisor again. In 1973 he had gained 17,000 votes in a last minute campaign for a seat on the board. Conservative gay Thomas M. Edwards was also a candidate.

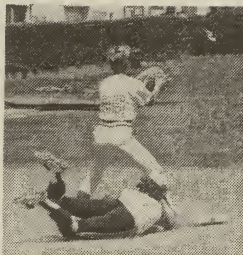
The San Francisco Foundation awarded the East

Bay's Pacific Center for Human Growth \$45,000 in unrestricted funds, the largest grant ever given to a group serving gays and other sexual minorities.

A police community relations coalition formed in the Eureka Valley area in response to an increasing number of anti-gay attacks on Castro and Market streets. The group also assisted victims of anti-gay violence in dealing with the police, district attorney and attackers.

The Coors Beer boycott headquarters released an April report that sales of Coors beer had slipped by 31 percent from February 1974-75. General Brewing Co. (Falstaff and Lucky) jumped more than 55 percent. Miller Brewing jumped 45 percent.

The Community Softball League's season opened with a game between the champion Twin Peaks team and Fe-Be's in April.



Community Softball League play; by 1975, Coors boycott was having an effect on sales.

Richard Hongisto was running for re-election as sheriff. He was opposed by Gene Prat, administrative assistant to S.I. Hayakawa, president of San Francisco State University. Michael Nevins, a police officer assigned as the mayor's chauffeur, was also in the race.

About 175 people attended the testimonial retirement banquet for Elliot Blackstone, the liaison to the gay community of the Police Department.

AB 489, which legalized consenting sex acts between



adults, became law, but was not effective until Jan. 1 1976.

May 1975  
The Community Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors voted down a request to have a 16th seat created on the Human Rights Commission specifically for a gay or lesbian, instead resolving to urge the mayor to appoint a gay or lesbian person to the HRC when a seat opened. Establishment of a gay advisory committee was also rejected by the supervisors.

The Alice B. Toklas

Memorial Democratic Club endorsed George Moscone for mayor in May.

Acceptance House, a halfway facility operated by the Whitman Radclyffe Foundation through a contract with the city, had been in operation for three months. The program served gay alcoholics.

A complaint was filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission to oppose a referendum to repeal AB 489, which legalized consenting sex acts among adults. The Gay Voters League of California was the first to file to oppose right-wing Christian attempts to overturn the bill's effects. A vote was scheduled in the June 1976 primaries.

More than 72,000 people watched and 10,000 people marched in the 1975 Gay Freedom Day Parade.

More than 50 lesbian and gay leaders from all over California attended a Gay Liberation Conference. A major topic of discussion was AB 633, Assemblyman John Foran's gay civil rights legislation. The bill made it illegal for employers or labor organizations to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The body of David Real, a gay man who worked as a bellman at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, was found at the corner of Dore Alley and Folsom Street.

Lesbian Mothers and Friends sponsored a benefit at the Sutro Baths on Valencia Street. The women-only event featured beer, wine, dancing, conversation and, of course, the sauna. Off premises child care was also provided.

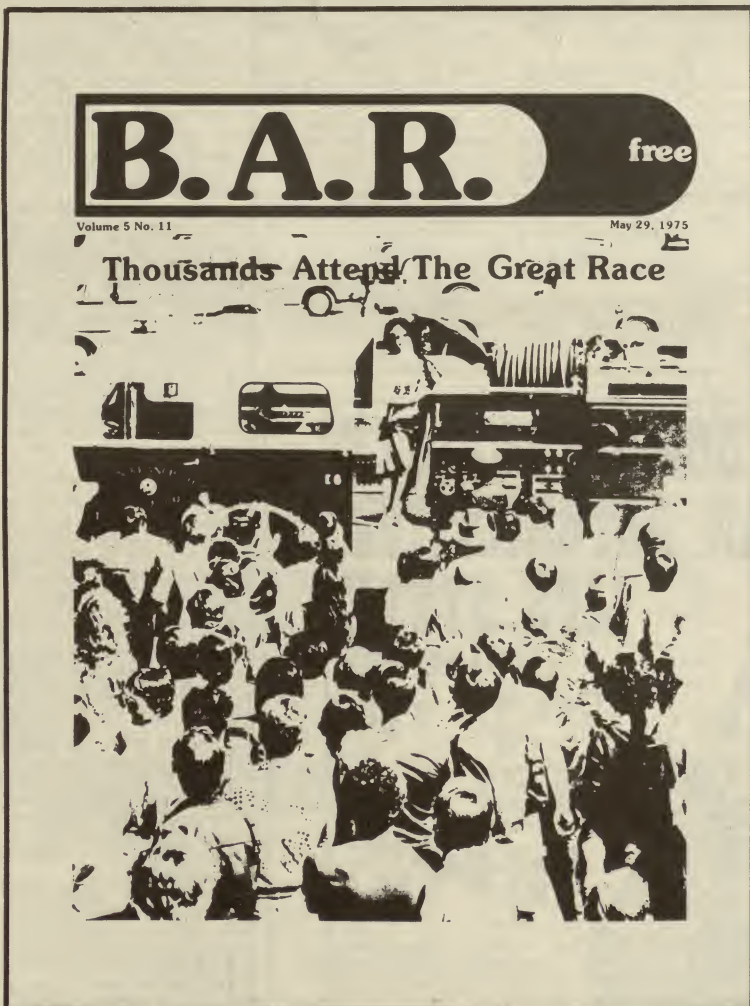
More than 50,000 people flocked to Polk Street for Halloween festivities. The area was cordoned off for the largest Halloween celebration ever held on the street.

Harvey Milk lost his second attempt for a seat on the Board of Supervisors in November. He garnered 50,000 votes and in his bi-weekly *Bay Area Reporter* column he thanked voters and said that he wouldn't give up.

Joe Freitas was elected district attorney, Dianne Feinstein miscalculated the gay vote and was in a run-off for mayor. The *B.A.R.* endorsed George Moscone for the post.

Claude De Mott, a transvestite, was found murdered in a Tenderloin hotel room. Homicide detectives called De Mott's murder one of the most sadistic they had ever seen. His throat had been slashed, his penis and anus were cut off, and his scrotum sliced open.

A 26-year-old gay man was kidnapped and raped by five men in December. He was abducted on Clay Street near Polk, pulled into a car, and taken to a park-like area and brutally raped. Two of the assailants were wearing full leather and chains. Homicide inspectors were investigating the assault because of a possible connection with recent Folsom area slayings. ▼



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BAY AREA REPORTER - TWENTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

## 1976: Milk Loses Assembly Bid, Elton John Says He's 'Bisexual'

by Dennis Conkin

Shortly after his November 1975 election as mayor, George Moscone appointed Castro Street merchant and *Bay Area Reporter* columnist Harvey Milk to the Board of Permit Appeals.

Milk had lost a November 1975 bid for a seat on the Board of Supervisors.

According to the Feb. 5, 1976 *Bay Area Reporter*, Moscone told a late January meeting of the Golden Gate Business Association that Milk's appointment as an openly gay person to a city board was the first of many that he planned to make.

In the same issue, Chief of Police Charles Gain said that he would hire openly gay police officers and encouraged gay officers already on the force to be open about their sexual orientation.

Milk's appointment to the Board of Permit Appeals was short lived, however. Shortly after he was appointed, Milk announced that he would run against Art Agnos for the 16th Assembly District. Moscone kicked Milk off the appeals board and appointed gay attorney Earl "Rick" Stokes to take Milk's place.

Agnos was the legislative aide to Speaker of the Assembly Leo McCarthy.



Elton John

Moscone also named lesbian activist Phyllis Lyon to a seat on the Human Rights Commission. Lyon's lover, Del Martin, was serving on the Commission on the Status of Women.

A news item in the March 15 issue noted that just six days earlier the executive director of the Human Rights Commission found that Pacific Telephone Co. was violat-

ing the city's anti-discrimination employment ordinances.

The HRC also ruled that the Pride Foundation had standing to bring legal action against the company for refusing to hire a gay person in 1973 and for firing a gay employee for "manifest homosexuality" the same year.

Two gay men also filed a class action suit against the corporation in federal court for violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

Harvey Milk lost to Art Agnos in the June 16 A.D. race by 3,622 votes.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell on June 2 upheld the U.S. Navy ban against homosexuals, according to the June 10 *Bay Area Reporter*. Gesell denied the request of Ensign Vernon Berg III, 24, for a restraining order prohibiting his dismissal.

In June, according to a report from the Maine Gay Task Force, lesbian mother Carole Whitehead, of North Berwick, Maine, was awarded custody of her two children following a court challenge by her ex-husband.

On June 25 the Folsom Street Barracks, a popular South of Market bathhouse, was raided by the police narcotics squad. Sixteen people were arrested. Eight were charged with possession of

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less than an ounce of marijuana. Eight were charged with narcotics violations. Police seized 60 tabs of LSD, seven bundles of methamphetamines, and an assortment of pills. A number of people were also arrested on traffic warrants.

Police officials denied that the arrests were connected to Gay Pride Week festivities.

More than 90,000 marchers and 130 costumed units took part in the annual Gay Pride Day Parade. Mayor George Moscone had proclaimed the entire week preceding the parade Gay Pride Week. There were an estimated 140,000 gay adults living in San Francisco.

On July 29 the San Francisco Police Commission held the first of a series of neighborhood hearings on a proposal to establish an Office of Citizen Complaints.

A \$10,000 reward was offered for information leading to the location of Neilson Tracy Jr., 59. The gay man had been recently depressed. He disappeared on May 26 when he failed to show up for a psychiatric appointment. The reward was posted in the Aug. 5 issue.

The same issue of the paper reported that a proposed amendment to the City Charter would be on the November ballot. The initiative called for the election of San Francisco's 11-member Board of Supervisors by districts. It passed.

In September, according to a report about an Associated Press item, singer Elton John announced that he was "bisexual." However, John said, "I'd rather fall in love with a woman eventually. I think a woman would probably last longer than a man, but I really don't know. I desperately would love to have an affair," he said.

In a September bi-weekly

column, political savant Wayne Friday analyzed the Carter-Ford presidential race. He also announced that Supervisor Dianne Feinstein would run again for the post in 1977.

The Folsom Street Barracks was gutted by fire at the end of October, according to the Oct. 28 *Bay Area Reporter*. More than 100 patrons were in the premises when a fire broke out on the first floor and spread through the three-story wooden structure. There were no sprinklers in the establishment. Damage was estimated at more than \$175,000.

Bay Area Gay Liberation sponsored an informational picket at Club Baths on Oct. 16. The bathhouse was accused of discriminating against people of color, effeminate gays, activists and fat people. Gay activist Hank Wilson had sued the company months earlier under the Unruh Civil Rights Act for refusing him admission because he was wearing a BAGL T-shirt. Discrimination on the basis of political association is illegal under the act.

The bath chain appealed the April 15 verdict of a small claims court in Superior Court. Judge Ira Brown ruled in Wilson's favor. Wilson was awarded \$270 in September, but it took the chain months to pay the award. By Dec. 9 the chain was estimated to have spent well over \$1,000 in legal fees on the award.

Supervisor Bob Mendelsohn opposed incumbent state Sen. Milton Marks in a November election.

"People kid about attending every event taking place in this city. Let them," said Harvey Milk in endorsing Marks. "Milton's greatest strength comes from never losing touch with the people." Marks won. ▼





# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1977: Harvey's Elected, Anita Goes Into Full Swing

by Dennis Conkin

### January 1977

A 20-year-old Filipino man who hoped to become a U.S. citizen following military service was ordered dishonorably discharged from the Army and deported to the Philippines after he was found guilty of "homosexual conduct" at a Florida military base.

Supervisor Dianne Feinstein proposed an amendment to city regulations that would prohibit porno stores and adult theaters from operating within 1,000 feet of any residential area. The amendment would affect any theater that devoted at least 10 percent of its presentations to "adult materials."

In a bi-weekly column, Harvey Milk said that Feinstein had sought the gay vote but was now targeting gays in her campaign to "clean up the city."

### February

A Planning Commission committee passed the proposed porno ordinance and sent it to the full commission for hearing.

Doug Munson, an assistant district attorney, wrote a letter of public apology to the gay community. Munson had included homosexuals within the category of unstable and itinerant people that were responsible for street crime. In his apology, Munson said he didn't mean the gay community, he meant the violent street hustlers that preyed on the gay community.

The U.S. Supreme Court vacated a lower court ruling that upheld the firing of a gay civil servant in Seattle, saying that the Civil Service Commission had changed its policies and that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation was contrary to regulations. John Singer was dismissed as an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission employee because he was a gay activist.

Margaret (Midge) Costanza, a lesbian active in Democratic Party politics, was named as President Carter's public liaison to special interest groups. The White House appointment was applauded by the National Gay Task Force.

Millionaire singer and Christian fundamentalist bigot Anita Bryant said that she would fight a Dade County, Fla., gay rights ordinance even if she lost her livelihood as the spokeswoman for the Florida Citrus Commission. Gay bars and restaurants around the country were boycotting Florida orange juice. Her crusade, "Save Our Children," opened and announced a petition drive against the ordinance in churches and syn-

agogues.

### March

Rep. Ed Koch (D-New York) introduced HR 451 in Congress, which would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act by making affectional or sexual preference discrimination illegal. The bill was identical to one previously issued by Rep. Bella Abzug. Neither passed.

AB 385 was approved by the state Assembly Health Committee. The bill allowed transsexuals to have "corrected birth certificates" that correctly identify their sex following gender reassignment surgery.

About 53,000 people signed the initiative for forcing a referendum on the Dade County Gay Rights Ordinance. Only 10,000 signatures were needed and 11,071 were certified.

Ovodio Ramos, a Dade County gay rights activist, committed suicide shortly after appearing on a radio program about the need for the ordinance.

Police harassment and entrapment of gays under solicitation laws was up 500 percent from 1976, according to a San Jose gay rights group. A recent crackdown by San Jose undercover police officers was condemned by gay activists.

About 600 people attended a protest at the Arizona State Capitol on March 23 to protest the revision of the state's criminal code that would legalize consenting sex acts between male and female adults, but outlaw homosexual sex acts.

### April

The state Assembly Judiciary Committee heard testimony about AB 607, which would amend California marriage laws so that marriage certificates would be issued only to male and female couples. The measure was introduced on behalf of the Orange County county clerk who feared that same-sex couples would apply for the certificate. The amendment passed.

A Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that Section 647 (a) of the penal code was unconstitutional. The law made it illegal to solicit for sex. Offenders were fined \$5,000, could receive up to six months in jail and were required to register as a sex offender for the rest of their lives. The ruling was appealed.

Tens of thousands of dollars had been raised in San Francisco by the end of April to help fight the repeal of Dade County's gay rights ordinance. A variety of fundraisers, including rallies, dances and other events had been held around town, and many

political clubs and ad hoc groups, as well as established gay organizations, contributed to the effort.

### June

On June 7 the Dade County Gay Rights Ordinance that prevented anti-gay discrimination in employment and housing was repealed by a 2-1 margin.

About 5,000 people marched from Castro Street to Polk Street, through Nob Hill and made their way to Union Square for a rally in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots.

The Council on Religion and the Homosexual challenged the license of KVOF-TV, operated by Faith Center of Glendale. The station did not provide an opportunity for comment in support of gay



Anita Bryant



Harvey Milk

civil rights legislation, but ran continual attacks on the lesbian and gay community by Anita Bryant and the *Praise The Lord* television program.

Robert Hillsborough was murdered near his home at 19th and Lexington after he and his lover got out of their car, having been followed by four men in their early 20s who had accosted them earlier. Hillsborough was a gardener at Golden Gate Park.

Two Redondo Beach men, Patrick Kearny, 48, and David Hill, 34, were accused of eight murders and possible involvement in 25 other deaths. All of the eight victims were between 16 and 28. Four were found stuffed into trash bags. The duo turned themselves in to Riverside police and were held on \$500,000 bail.

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BAY AREA REPORTER — TWENTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

## July

Dr. Benjamin Spock made a public statement that a teacher's sexual persuasion did not affect a child's sexual identity. Spock made the statement at a news conference called by the San Francisco Bisexual Center.

The state of Maine defeated a gay rights bill by a 91-53 vote. The measure would have outlawed discrimination against gays in housing, employment and credit.

Dennis Lemon, editor of *London's Gay News*, was convicted of blasphemy for publishing a poem depicting Christ as a homosexual. He was given a nine-month suspended sentence and fined \$850.

A federal judge ruled that Anita Bryant and her anti-gay campaign could not use "Save Our Children" as the name of their campaign. The court issued a restraining order brought against Bryant by the 42-year-old Save Our Children Foundation that assisted underprivileged children.

## August

Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta refused to issue a proclamation honoring Gay Pride Day in Atlanta. Jackson had issued a 1976 proclamation, but failed to issue one in 1977 after the Citizens for a Decent Atlanta complained.

About 2,500 ministers of the Metropolitan Community Church met in Denver for a weeklong church conference. Two days earlier a "National Gay Leadership Conference" had concluded.

Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights, a gay Republican group, filed an application for recognition by the Republican State Central Committee. The group had 15 members.

## September

Richard Gayer, a lawyer for three gay men suing Pacific Bell for employment discrimination, announced that the refusal of the state Fair Employment Practices Commission to accept their complaint had been appealed and that the case would eventually reach the Supreme Court.

Coors beer had slipped to second place in the California beer market as a result of the boycott of the brew. Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser beer took the lead, despite Coors' efforts to end the boycott.

The Fraternal Order of Police, a national organization of law enforcement officers with 150,000 members, voted unanimously to oppose the employment of gay officers.

Earl Stokes resigned from San Francisco's Board of Permit Appeals. David Scott was appointed.

A Houston ordinance that forbade any adult movie or bookstore from operating within 2,000 feet of any church or school was declared unconstitutional.

Two hundred gay activists gathered in Sacramento to lay the initial strategy for the defeat of the Briggs initiative. The initiative would give

school boards the right to refuse to hire lesbian and gay teachers or administrators.

A five-member liaison group to the gay community was appointed by Mayor George Moscone. The group included Nancy Roth, president of Save Our Human Rights; Jo Daly of the Human Rights Commission; John Schmidt, president of the Golden Gate Business Association; Robert McQueen of *The Advocate*; and Armistead Maupin, author of *Tales of the City*.

## October

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reversed itself and closed Polk Street for Halloween night. More than 100,000 revelers had been flocking to the location for annual festivities.

Eugene, Ore., passed a gay rights ordinance.

Pride Foundation lawyers took depositions from Anita Bryant and her Save Our Children Foundation in the murder of Robert Hillsborough, who was murdered in June. A \$5 million claim was filed in federal court against Bryant, state Sen. John Briggs and their organizations, charging them with conspiracy to deprive Hillsborough of his civil rights.

Bryant received a pie in the face during a news conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Bryant tried to pray for the unidentified gay man who committed the act, but later burst into tears and said that at least it was a fruit pie.

Massachusetts state Rep. Elaine Noble announced that she would not seek re-election. Noble's district had recently been merged with a neighboring district led by state Rep. Barney Frank.

## November

Harvey Milk became the first homosexual elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the first openly gay person elected to public office in California.

Gordon Lau, Dianne Feinstein, John Molinari, Robert Gonzales, Quentin Kopp and Ron Pelosi, all incumbents, were also re-elected. Dan White, Lee Dolson and Carol Ruth Silver were also elected.

## December

*Word Is Out, Stories of Some of Our Lives*, a two-hour documentary on the lives of lesbians and gays, premiered at the Castro Theatre to a full house of 1,600 patrons, many of whom stood in a line three city blocks long to buy tickets.

Anita Bryant was chosen as the most admired woman in the United States by the readers of *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

Robert Martin Jr. was the first gay person to have his military discharge upgraded under a presidential review program established by President Carter. Martin was given a 1972 general discharge for consenting homosexual acts that occurred off base.

## Journalism

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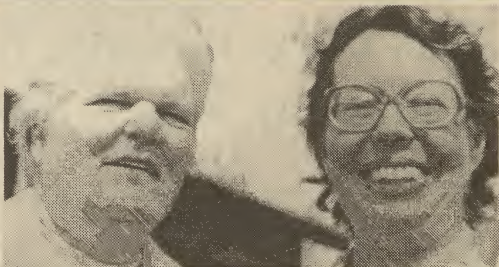
mentary style by the controversial Broshears amused and bemused many.

There still was no sense of community among lesbians and gay men by 1970 because earlier publications had small circulations and did not broadly cover the emerging and diverse gay community.

The first sign of real communication among a large number of gay people came in 1971 with the publication of the *Bay Area Reporter*. Then a bi-weekly, B.A.R. reflected local gay news with some emphasis on bar and royal court events. Its acceptance by the gay community was immediate and circulation continued to climb.

Now published weekly, B.A.R. is considered nationally as one of the nation's most important gay newspapers. And it now has the largest press run of any gay weekly newspaper in the world.

B.A.R. has attempted to mirror every aspect of the Bay Area, out-of-city and national gay scenes. Its coverage includes gay rights and political news, columnists, obituaries, editorial and reader commentaries, and the full spec-



Phyllis Lyon, right, was the first editor of *The Ladder*, a publication of the Daughters of Bilitis, founded by Lyon and Del Martin, left. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

trum of arts and entertainment — porn to opera.

Three years after the B.A.R. began publication, activist Bill Beardemphl began publishing the *Sentinel*.

*Coming Up*, later to be named the *Bay Times*, was first published in 1979. Kim Corsaro became publisher after its original start-up by Bill Hartman. *Bay Times*, a monthly, is known for its in-depth feature articles that discuss all aspects of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community.

There are several lively area publications outside of San Francisco including Sacramento's *Mom, Guess What*, founded in 1978, and *Latest Issue* (1989); San Jose's *Our Paper* (1982); *Mama*

*Bears*, Oakland (1984) — the only Bay Area lesbian newspaper; *Lavender Reader* in Santa Cruz (1986); and *We the People* in Sonoma County (1988).

Numerous others have come and gone, including *Gay Sunshine*, from the late 1960s into the early 1970s; *Plexus* (1974-1988), a feminist newspaper that addressed lesbian issues; *Adz Gayzette* (1970-1972) with a photo format; and the *Voice* (1979-1984).

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## 1978: Briggs Initiative Fires Up Community, Milk Is Assassinated

by Dennis Conkin

### January

Supervisor-elect Harvey Milk and 200 supporters marched the 15 blocks to City Hall for his inauguration as the first openly gay elected official in the state and the first gay person elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Writer Bruce Pettit noted that Milk did not vote to elect Dianne Feinstein as president of the board, instead casting his vote for Gordon Lau.

Anita Bryant was replaced as the co-announcer of the annual Orange Bowl Parade. Rita Moreno, who starred in the gay bathhouse movie *The Ritz*, was chosen to succeed Bryant after NBCTV decided that gay demonstrators would disrupt the parade if Bryant appeared.

Actor Paul Newman publicly announced that he had switched from Coors to Budweiser because "all the good things about Coors were outweighed by the company's violations of people's privacy rights."

A Sacramento Superior Court judge issued a temporary injunction banning Rush, a popular butyl nitrate brand similar to Locker Room, at the request of the state Health Department. The state office alleged the product was advertised as a sexual stimulant but could cause serious health problems.

The Trocadero Transfer at 520 4th Street became San Francisco's first all-night gay disco after the Board of Permit Appeal overruled the Police Department and granted a permit to the 4,000-square-foot dance hall — the largest in Northern California.

### February

The Society for Individual Rights, the 12-year-old gay organization that had many "firsts" including gay dances, civil rights lawsuits, a monthly magazine and a large meeting hall, ceased operations. The growth of the gay community in San Francisco with specialized groups and services and internal problems led to the dissolution of the agency.

Harvey Milk continued writing for the *Bay Area Reporter* following his election to the Board of Supervisors.

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin received a certificate of achievement from the City and County of San Francisco on their 25th anniversary.

Jeanne Jullion, the lesbian mother of two boys, retained custody of her youngest son after her ex-husband sued for custody. In 1977 the ex-husband, who had retained custody of the oldest son following the divorce, was awarded temporary custody of the younger child while a judge determined whether the

mother was "fit" for custody. An Alameda Superior Court judge decided she was.

### March

Whether a city garage would be built at the site of the Gay Community Center operated by the Pride Foundation since October 1976 was in doubt. Although the center had an occupancy agreement, there was a 30-day notice clause. Although no eviction was planned, according to the head of the Redevelopment Agency, two city officials said that the site would be demolished for a parking garage and promised an eviction soon.

City Attorney George Agnost announced that he would oppose the 1978 Human Rights Ordinance unless his draft was the one considered by the Board of Supervisors. Matt Coles, author of a draft proposed by Harvey Milk and Supervisor Bob Gonzales, said that Agnost's changes to the legislation were unacceptable.

Agnost said that remedies proposed by Coles, including injunctions against violators and the awarding of damages and attorney's fees, could only be ordered by the courts. Coles' draft also prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation. Agnost revised the language to prohibit discrimination against homosexuality and limited housing discrimination prohibition to rental housing only. The measure passed a first reading with one change. The prohibition against anti-gay job discrimination applied to businesses with five or more employees.

A loitering ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors in 1977 was facing a challenge by the American Civil Liberties Union because of allegations the ordinance was used to harass gay people on Polk Street.

The Gay Caucus of the California Democratic Council refused to endorse Gov. Jerry Brown for election, after he refused to answer a questionnaire on gay rights issues. Although Brown said he did not support the Briggs initiative, would appoint more gays to positions in his administration and would sign a bill giving gay people employment protection, the caucus voted 54-38 not to endorse Brown.

The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade received \$10,000 in city Hotel Tax Funds toward costs of the annual parade. For two years the parade had drawn larger crowds than any other city celebration.

The Swedish Parliament lowered its consensual age from 18 to 15 for homosexual acts. The law passed by a 210-37 vote. Consenting age for heterosexual sex was also 15. The Florida Supreme

Court ruled that openly gay attorneys may practice law in Florida. The Florida Bar Association had refused to certify a gay man who moved from California to Florida as fit to practice.

### April

Mayor George Moscone signed the Human Rights Ordinance that prohibited discrimination in the basis of sexual orientation in housing and jobs.

San Jose Mayor Janet Gray Hayes refused to sign a City Council resolution declaring June 17-28 Gay Human Rights Week after fundamentalists objected.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors recommended an additional \$300,000 for gay mental health services in San Francisco following pressure from the Dykes and Faggots Organized to Demand Immediate Liberation (DAFODIL) Alliance.

In one dinner, Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles, a gay political group, raised \$500,000. More than 400 people paid \$100 a plate for the fundraiser. Assemblyman Art Agnos was the guest speaker.

Voters in St. Paul, Minn., repealed a four-year-old gay rights measure by a 2-1 margin of 54,000 to 32,000 votes.

Gay lobbyists in London were unsuccessful in trying to reduce the age of consent to 18 from 21 years of age for homosexual acts.

Secretary of State March Fong Eu publicly apologized to the gay community for erroneously stating in a speech that 70 percent of child molestation cases were of homosexual origin. She blamed the Los Angeles Police Department for providing her speechwriter with incorrect facts.

Losing a crucial vote of the Board of Supervisors, the Pride Foundation directed its lawyers to take legal action to block the demolition of the Gay Community Center at 330 Grove St. The courts would have to settle the question of whether the city made firm commitments to clear away the structure and others to build a parking garage for the Performing Arts Center.

If the board reaffirmed its vote in May, the matter would go before the city's Redevelopment agency who would then decide whether to proceed to open bids for demolition of the occupied Center.

The same day the Center received the news, vandals cut the ten telephone lines into the Center and files were ransacked and dumped.

### May

Wichita, Kans., repealed a gay rights ordinance by a 5-1 margin after fundamentalist Christians put the issue to a

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### A TRAGIC WEEK

The murder of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk brought last Thursday's movement about Bay Area in a type of shock. The November 27 tragedy was particularly evident to the Gay community, which lost its two most prominent leaders and advocates in the same week. The deaths of the two men were a devastating blow to the community.

Supervisor Dan White, a former police officer, was sentenced to life in prison for the murders of Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Milk. The sentence was handed down by Judge John Baxter.

Many Gay people were shocked to go to the trial and see the man who had been their ally in the fight for gay rights. The trial was a sad reminder of the violence that can result from hatred.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution condemning the murders and calling for a day of mourning. The resolution was passed by a 10-3 vote.



Harvey's Laid to Rest

Harvey's funeral was held at the City Hall. The service was attended by thousands of people. The funeral was a testament to the love and respect that Harvey had earned from the community.

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vote. The measure was eight months old.

### June

Anti-Briggs initiatives were well under way by Gay Pride Day. Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative called a conference that led to a coordinating committee composed of more than twelve anti-Briggs groups including labor, women's and student groups.

Supervisor Dan White was the sole supervisor to oppose closing streets around Civic Center for Gay Pride Day festivities but 300,000 people participated in the festivities anyway.

### July

David Goodstein, publisher of the *Advocate* and founder of the Whitman Radcliffe Foundation and a follower of Werner Erhard, was appointed to the state Advisory Council on Economic Development. Goodstein, a conservative, eccentric multimillionaire was also founder of the *Advocate* Experience, a gay spin off of Erhard Seminars Training.

Walter Hart, known as the male Sophie Tucker, 65, a star at Finocchio's for almost two decades between 1932-1950 died in August. He was one of the most popular entertainers in San Francisco and had been ill for three years.

### September

Larry Berner, a Healdsburg, Calif., third-grade teacher, found himself part of the California Voters Handbook after a letter to a gay newspaper against Proposition 6, the

Briggs Initiative, was picked up by a daily newspaper. Berner, a local elementary school teacher, said that he was gay and expressed his opposition to the measure. State Sen. John Briggs mentioned the incident in his argument in favor of the initiative. In the flap about Berner's comments, three sets of parents pulled their kids out of school and the local school board announced its support of the Briggs initiative.

The city of Berkeley passed the most extensive gay rights ordinance in the United States. It outlawed discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in jobs, education, housing and public accommodations. It included \$200-400 penalties for violations.

### October

National Gay Task Force Co-Chair Dr. Bruce Voeller resigned the post. A biologist and the divorced father of three, Voeller remained as counsel to the group but wanted to devote time to writing and lecturing.

On a stop in California a week before the Nov. 6 election, President Jimmy Carter urged a "no" vote on the Briggs initiative. Voters rejected the measure by a 1 million vote margin, 59-41 percent.

### November

On Monday, Nov. 27, former Supervisor Dan White, 32, assassinated Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk in their offices at City Hall. The political landscape — and progressive atmosphere — was forever changed. ▼

## 1979: Dan White Sentence Sparks Community to Riot

by Dennis Conkin

The beginning of 1979 was a somber one for the San Francisco lesbian and gay community in the aftermath of the November murders of Harvey Milk and George Moscone and the Jonestown tragedy.

Supervisor Harry Britt gave an interview to the *Bay Area Reporter* in the second issue of Volume 9. Britt spoke candidly and at length about his appointment and his concerns about the gay community and its agenda.

**Twelve police cars were torched or destroyed, scores of windows in City Hall, the State Office Building and businesses in a six-block radius were smashed.**

Two drunken police officers and a civilian crashed Peg's Place, a Geary Street lesbian bar. A scuffle ensued between the bar owner, an employee and the trio.

Lynda Symaco, the owner, was hospitalized for 17 days after allegedly being wrestled to the floor by Officer Michale Kelly, who was not charged. Uniformed officers called to the scene made no arrests, took no statements and allowed an apparently drunken officer, Daniel Marr, who was involved in the incident, to leave the scene.

Marr was later convicted of misdemeanor battery and disturbing the peace for striking Alene Levine.

The Pride Foundation was given 30 days notice to vacate its 330 Grove St. Gay Community Center after the Redevelopment Agency reclaimed the property. A parking lot was planned for the site.

Lionel Williams was found guilty of the 1976 murder of gay actor Sal Mineo. Williams killed the star in the commission of a robbery. Convicted of second-degree murder, Williams smiled when the verdict was read.

A reward of \$7,500 was posted for the murder of Tom Gloster, 31, and Richard Neimeier, 32, two gay men who frequented a South of Market bar. The men were killed in remote areas of Red Bluff and Napa.

Six weeks after the murder, a soldier abducted by Larry Hendricks, a 23-year-old convicted sex offender, shot and killed Hendricks

with his own gun. The soldier had been taken to an open grave containing the body of a 21-year-old hitchhiker that Hendricks had murdered. Ballistics tests proved that Hendricks's gun had been used to kill Neimeier and Gloster.

District Attorney Joe Freitas indicated he would withdraw pending action against gay sex clubs and membership theaters if they installed buzz-in locked doors at entrances. Owners would also agree not to transfer memberships, not show kiddie porn, disallow prostitution and maintain privacy.

Longtime gay activist Les Morgan told the *Bay Area Reporter* in April that more than 350 lesbians and gay men were interested in applying for jobs as police officers. Morgan had circulated 18,000 fliers and 200 posters in a recruitment drive for officers.

The Women's Building, at the site of the former Dovre Hall, opened. More than 30 women's groups used space in the building, which opened on April 1.

A news item noted that the U.S. Navy had intended to use the Village People's pop single "In the Navy" in its recruiting program until it realized the group had a large gay following.

A National March on Washington was set for Oct. 14, following a meeting of 400 lesbian and gay men in Philadelphia. First proposed by Harvey Milk, the group called for custody rights for gay parents, a lesbian gay rights bill in Congress and an executive order banning discrimination against gays in the federal government and its contractors.

The Community United Against Violence, a two-month old group, urged lesbians and gays to carry whistles to summon help when threatened.

Priscilla Alexander, in her "Womanalysis" column, linked growing anti-gay violence to assailants' lack of knowledge about their own sexuality, in the April 26 issue.

The Gay Atheists League of America held its first anniversary.

Anti-gay state Sen. John Briggs was under investigation by the IRS for filing fraudulent tax returns.

The Metropolitan Community Church paid \$210,000 for the former Voice of Pentecost church at 250 Eureka St. The VOP's anti-gay theological stance was not an issue in the sale, according to MCC pastor Jim Dykes, in the April 12 issue.

Gov. Jerry Brown issued an executive order forbidding discrimination against gays in state jobs.

By May the trial of Dan White for the assassinations

of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk was under way. The May 21 jury verdict of voluntary manslaughter created a riot the same night. By 9 p.m. thousands of lesbians and gays and their supporters had gathered in front of City Hall, following a march from the Castro. Twelve police cars were torched or destroyed, scores of windows in City Hall the State Office Building and businesses in a six-block radius were smashed. Police TAC squads were called in, but not before Supervisor Harry Britt had urged people to go home and Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver had been hit in the mouth with a chunk of concrete.

At 1 a.m., about 20 officers waded into the Elephant Walk bar on Castro Street, beating patrons and passers-by and smashing up the bar. Several people were hospitalized. The FBI later announced it would investigate the police action.

In the aftermath, *Bay Area Reporter* writer Bruce Pettit, who had covered the trial as had political columnist Wayne Friday, delivered brilliant analyses and reports of the entire legal proceedings and its impact. Mincing no words, Friday called the White trial "a prostitution of justice."

White was sentenced to four years in state prison.

District Attorney Joe Freitas, in a fight for his political life after his office's flawed prosecution of White, announced that he would prosecute the 28 people arrested during the May 21 riots.

The same day, the California Supreme Court ruled that public utilities may not discriminate against gays in hiring. The ruling meant that a previously dismissed case filed by gay attorney Richard Gayer against Pacific Bell would be returned for trial in Superior Court.

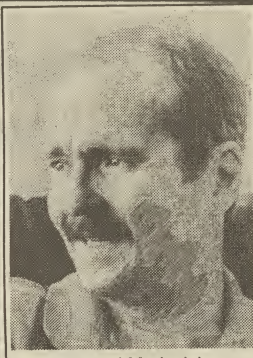
Erotic artist and drug dealer Robert Opel, 39, who once streaked at the Academy Awards, was murdered in July at the age of 39 in his Howard Street studio. A woman charged in his murder with a male suspect later escaped from the Hall of Justice but was apprehended in Florida.

Republican Leonard Matlovich, a gay Vietnam veteran who was dishonorably discharged, was a candidate for supervisor in the November election for District 5. So was Kevin Wadsworth, a gay Republican. As were Steve Perkins, Howard Wallace and incumbent Harry Britt, who was appointed after Harvey Milk's murder. Terrence Hallinan, a straight lawyer, later entered the race.

Following protests and court cases regarding incidents involving a British gay photographer who was detained and



Dan White



Sgt. Leonard Matlovich

two vacationing Mexicans ordered out of the country, the head of the INS issued a directive that gay people were no longer subject to exclusionary hearings and were free to come and go as tourists.

The California Supreme Court ruled on Sept. 7 that solicitation for sex acts or "lewd and dissolute conduct" was unconstitutional.

On Oct. 11 ABC-TV aired a controversial news program on homosexuals. It was unanimously panned by gays as sensationalistic.

Florida gay multimillionaire Howard Phillips, 77, was murdered at Beck's Motor Lodge on Market Street. He had come to San Francisco to attend the opening of the opera and was living in a Russian Hill apartment. Wayne Golden was arrested in connection with the slaying.

Steve Lachs became the first gay person appointed to a Los Angeles Superior Court post.

The Oct. 24 issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* carried news and photographs of the March on Washington, which attracted 100,000 lesbians and gays.

The same issue of the paper announced that seven lesbians and nine gay men had been chosen as candidates for

positions with the San Francisco Police Department.

As the November elections drew near, the *Bay Area Reporter* endorsed David Scott for mayor against Dianne Feinstein, Carol Ruth Silver for district attorney, Michael Hennessey for sheriff, and Harry Britt for District 5 supervisor.

Feinstein was forced into a December runoff against Quentin Kopp. Britt was forced into a runoff and incumbent DA Joe Freitas was forced into a runoff against Assistant Attorney General Arlo Smith.

The *Bay Area Reporter* endorsed Kopp, Smith and Britt.

About 25,000 people marched in the first Harvey Milk Candlelight Memorial from Castro Street to City Hall on Nov. 27.

In the Dec. 6 *Bay Area Reporter*, Editor Paul Lorch issued a 13-point indictment against Dianne Feinstein's candidacy. He lambasted Feinstein for not making a significant gay appointment during the year, for police harassment of gays, for her seven-week delay in naming a replacement for Harvey Milk and other issues, including what he called a "failed administration."

Britt, Feinstein and Arlo Smith were elected to office on Dec. 11.



### Gays Riot

Shortly after the stunning news was broadcast from the Hall of Justice that Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter (gay men and the Jonestown tragedy), the results began being reported in the Castro. A group of about 100 people gathered in front of City Hall, and the police began to clear the area. The crowd was dispersed, but some people remained in the area.

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## WHY - WHY NOT?



### Gays Explode at Manslaughter

NON-GAYS JOIN MORE VIOLENT SECOND PHASE

By Bruce Fretts  
Lower level had been building. Banned for a housing reason in San Francisco City code, which would lock these yards, the second phase of the riot was the most violent.

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Publisher Charles Morris was beaten at his home by two men who rang the door bell on July 26.

Jane Spahr, a lesbian minister forced to resign the United Presbyterian Church in 1979, joined the MCC San Francisco staff.

MCC filed suit in U.S. Federal Court for the right to hold religious services in federal prisons. MCC had previously won the right to conduct services in state institutions.

In July the one-time lover and the brother of Harvey Milk took Dan White to court, suing for wrongful death in order to garnish proceeds White might receive from any autobiographical works or books concerning Milk's murder.

According to an August report by Les Morgan, SFPD gay recruitment coordinator, one in seven recruits for the

police department was either lesbian or gay.

A three-alarm fire raced through the gay Casa Loma Hotel in August, destroying 12 rooms in an inside wing. A hotel resident was arrested and charged with arson.

City funds were withheld from the Gay Freedom Day Parade until members resolved conflicts between the group's board of directors and the general membership.

Leonard Matlovich won the latest round in his fight for reinstatement in the Air Force. Matlovich, who was discharged in 1975 for being gay, had challenged the discharge in the U.S. Court of Appeals. U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell said the Air Force had failed to comply with Court of Appeals rulings ordering them to define conditions under which homosexuals could serve in the Air Force. Gesell

ordered Matlovich returned to duty at his previous rank and with full pay.

District Elections were repealed and supervisors would be elected citywide after an Aug. 19 special election about the matter. Scores of candidates announced plans to run for the 11 up-for-grabs seats.

In September the Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee general membership voted overwhelmingly to recall the parade committee officers. *tinel* filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the first week of November. Publisher Charles Morris owed debts of \$95,000, with \$40,000 of that owed to the IRS. Former staffers had also earlier prevailed in claims before the state Labor Commission that they were fired and accrued wages and commissions were not paid. They received \$13,000 in settlement of the dispute.

San Francisco voters re-elected the city's best known gay politician, Harry Britt, and elected former Sheriff Richard Hongisto and Terrence Hallinan to the board. Quentin Kopp, John Molinari, Louise Renne, Carol Ruth Silver and Ella Hill Hutch were also elected.

Closing out the year, Mayor Dianne Feinstein addressed the Tavern Guild, facing "a less than adoring audience," according to a December B.A.R. issue. Feinstein was meeting with the gay community for the first time since a Dolores Park incident where 29 Latino men attacked two gay youths. San Francisco Police Chief Con Murphy also appeared at the meeting. ▼

## Gay Leaders Revolted At 'Cruising' Preview

The story below by then-B.A.R. Editor Paul Lorch, appeared in the Feb. 14, 1980 issue of the Bay Area Reporter.

by Paul Lorch



Al Pacino on poppers in *Cruising*.

From a list compiled by an aide to Mayor Feinstein and Supervisor Harry Britt's office, some 40 gay men and lesbians were given a prescreening of the film *Cruising* Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12.

The special screening, similar to one held the previous week in New York City, was arranged by Jane W. Hall, vice president of corporate relations, Transamerica Corporation. Transamerica is the parent company of United Artists who released the film, and Hall is the official PR agent to promote the film and answer criticism. Hall, along with producer Jerry Weintraub, has been trumpeting First Amendment rights as part of the overall marketing strategy by United Artists.

The screening was held at 125 Hyde Street in the Motion Picture Service Company's small screening room. Only invited guests were admitted, and uniformed police were in attendance. Additional screenings were arranged for city officials on Wednesday, Feb. 13, and the city's film critics and reviewers will finally get to see the film the morning the film opens Friday, Feb. 15. All three events are highly unusual.

*Cruising* will be now shown in three local theaters: the St. Francis at Market and 6th, the Empire in West Portal (5 minutes from Castro and Market), and at the Geneva Drive-In (near the Cow Palace and not in San Francisco County). The choice of the three sites has given rise to speculation over United Artists' strategies. Originally *Cruising* was booked into the Ghirardelli Cinema. Two weeks ago General Cinema Corporation of Boston (the owners of the Ghirardelli) upon viewing *Cruising* decided to pull out of the slated bookings due to the controversial nature of the picture. General Cinema refuses to show X-rated films, and on its initial submission to the Motion Picture Assn. of America's Code and Rating Administration, *Cruising* drew an X rating. It was assigned its present R rating only after 2-1/2 minutes of harder-edged sado-masochistic sex and gore were scissored. Since that time General Cinema has been reconsidering its pullout decision. *Variety*, the showbiz trade publication, attributes the change largely "because exhibitors have started sniffing a large enough box office potential to offset any home-folks' moral backlash."

Also, according to the same article in the Feb. 6

edition of *Variety*, other "exhibitors (not to mention UA and Lorimar Productions) expect the dispute surrounding the pic to generate ticket sales."

Sources inside the industry are now beginning to think that the protracted controversy over the film's showing and impact have been an integral part of UA marketing plans from the outset. A headline in *Variety* says, "Weintraub to Media: 'Fan Dispute, but Hold Your Critics.'"

Following the preview, a dozen of those gays shocked by the film met impromptu at the office of the *Sentinel*. Up to that point publisher Charles Lee Morris had taken the position that First Amendment rights outweighed other considerations. Disgusted and fearful of the consequences of what he had witnessed, Morris publicly announced a change of heart. He stated that the film should be withdrawn. Along those attending the three-hour session were Arthur Lazere, president of the Golden Gate Business Assn.; the publishers of both B.A.R. and *The Voice*; and Wayne Friday, president of the Tavern Guild.

It was the group's consensus to request Transamerica Corp. to withdraw the film as a public service because it will cause violence and it has no redeeming social or artistic value.

The committee that has been opposing the film is planning a non-violent demonstration at the St. Francis at 8 p.m. the day the film opens, Feb. 15. An informational picket line is also planned for the Empire Theater in West Portal. Phone 864-1869 for details.

That same Friday on KCBS between 2 and 3 p.m., Konstantin Berlandt, spokesman for the committee protesting *Cruising*, will broadcast along with producer Jerry Weintraub. The radio program will also have a phone-in portion. ▼

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# 1981-1991: Ten Years of AIDS

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — When it passed, June 5, 1981, was a day not much different from any other. The sun rose, people went to work, came home and went to sleep. But for millions of people in the United States and countless others around the world, the day marked the end of all life before.

Before AIDS, that is. On that day, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reached the grave conclusion that the handful of people who had developed a rare form of pneumonia all had the same life-threatening condition. Although they didn't know what it was, they classified it and gave it a name. They called it Gay Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or GRID.

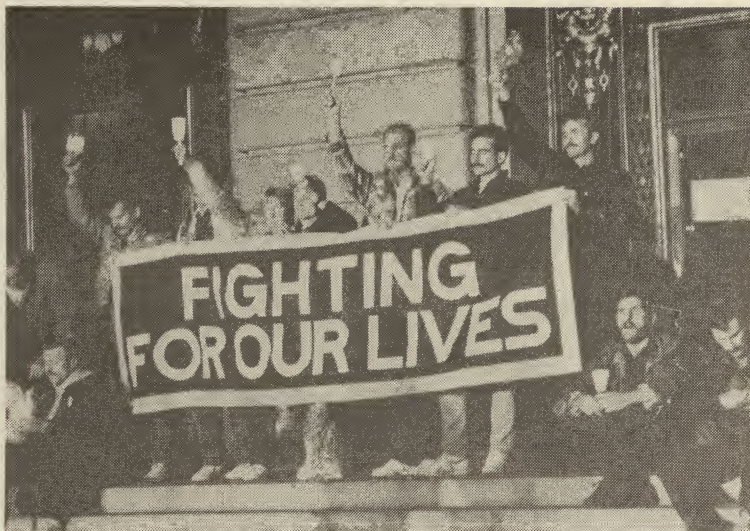
Now, a decade and a name later, the original handful of cases have grown into an ever advancing flood of humanity. The tens became hundreds, the hundreds became thousands, the thousands became hundreds of thousands. And behind each number was a human life, a child, a spouse, a lover, a parent, a friend.

As it was then becoming clear, the coming years would be bleak. A decade later, although there is now demonstrably more hope, the projections for the future don't look much brighter.

To commemorate the tragic anniversary, the AIDS Action Council, a national non-profit group representing the nation's manifold AIDS service providers, staged a media conference to have the leaders of the country's three largest AIDS groups give a "report from the front" and, in the words of one executive director, to "make the epidemic real for (America) again."

"We look at the future and we are extremely worried," commented Stephen Bennett, executive director of AIDS Project Los Angeles. "We are really concerned about the future."

Like the epidemic that spawned their genesis, these groups started from modest means anywhere from eight to 10 years ago and have since grown to mammoth proportions. The biggest difference though, is that as of late these groups have been facing an increasingly difficult



The AIDS Candlelight Memorial March, here in 1988, is now an international tradition begun in San Francisco. (Photo: Steve Savage)

time in keeping up with the pandemic.

"We are indeed the front line troops in this epidemic," said Tim J. Sweeney, executive director of Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York City, "but we have not been given the ammunition to successfully fight the war."

Government money is, in effect, drying up. Congress, once the leading provider of funds for community level AIDS programs, is seeming more and more reluctant each year to increase funding in the face of the mounting budget deficit. The Republican administration, which never has been a leader on the AIDS funding issue, is following much the same path.

And state and local government funding, where it has been available, is now on the decline.

One graph comparing past and present funding sources draws the picture into sharp contrast. While before, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation received the bulk of its funding from government sources, these days the money it gets from private donations alone surpasses that of government money.

"The public sector has simply not kept its part of the deal," said Pat Christen, executive director of the San Francisco organization. "We are not prepared in any way to deal with the realities of AIDS in the '90s."

The realities are dizzying. One after another, the numbers flew through the air. Numbers of volunteers, bud-

get estimates, changing percentages of risk populations affected by the health crisis, armies of people infected with the virus. There were numbers of cocktail parties and numbers of funerals. In nearly all cases, the numbers quickly climbed from the single digits to the millions as the disease spread.

In fact, the only figure which didn't grow at the same rate was the amount of government money being appropriated to fight the epidemic.

It's not enough to care for the ever-increasing numbers of patients, they reported. It's far from enough to successfully prevent more.

The problems are as complex as they are mind boggling. Massive numbers of injection drug users are coming into an already burdened AIDS service system, many of them dumped there by drug treatment providers. The throngs of homeless people with AIDS are also growing at a staggering rate, many of which are likewise dropped at the doorstep of AIDS service centers for care. AIDS patients with dementia and any number of other mental illnesses are further

straining an already burdened system.

Prisoners with HIV from around the nation are being directed to the epicenters of the disease for care. Gay teens are becoming infected with the insidious virus at an alarming rate, and many people — most of which know better — are falling back into unsafe sexual practices.

Public hospitals are cracking under the weight of hundreds of indigent AIDS cases with no other health options. And many AIDS groups are buckling under the weight of it all, no longer being able to handle the bulk of the nation's AIDS programs on their limited budgets.

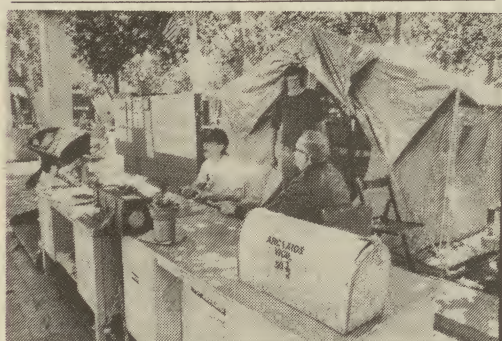
"We have carried AIDS service on our backs for a decade," said Christen, bluntly.

Without more government help, she said, that back threatens to break soon.

Temporary relief from Congress had appeared in the form of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency Act of 1990. Passed by Congress, but only partially funded last year, the measure would funnel millions in federal aid to struggling AIDS care providers in areas hit dis-



The March on Washington included now-familiar AIDS protests. (Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

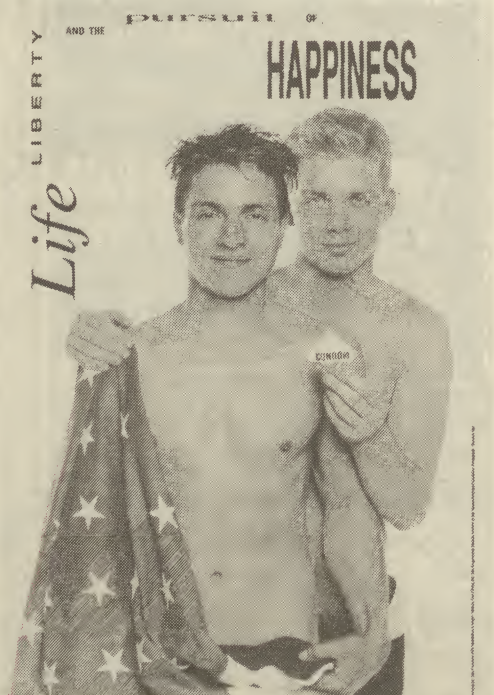


The AIDS/ARC Vigil has been a landmark at Civic Center Plaza since 1985. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

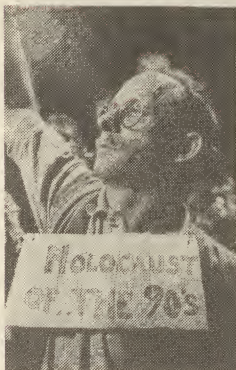


ACT UP/Golden Gate protests the need to address the changing demographics of AIDS; in this case, women and children. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

**Simply, more money is needed. AIDS lobbyists are pushing hard for a full \$3 billion in federal money to fight AIDS in the coming fiscal year. But all indications suggest that they will receive only a fraction of that amount.**



The San Francisco AIDS Foundation's educational campaigns are always provocative and direct.



Activists are now common figures at scientific AIDS conferences around the world. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

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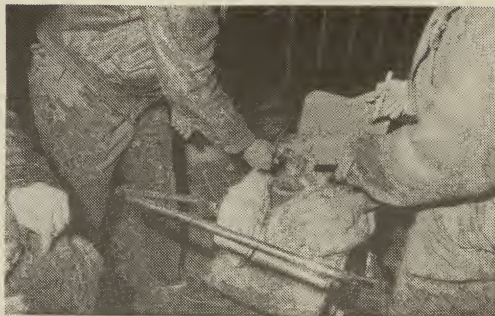
But even that will not be enough, the care providers said. A "Band-Aid," Christen called it. Even if the measure is fully funded to the tune of \$881 million this year, which appears highly unlikely, it will only serve to keep some struggling AIDS groups afloat for another year.

"We are in desperate need of help," she said.

Not only is the aid needed to help forestall a bigger health disaster than is already in hand, she noted, but it is needed to continue and expand on the victories of the past years.

Despite a lack of support from the federal government, AIDS groups — San Francisco's most successfully — are leading the charge in helping prevent further expansion of the epidemic among IV drug users by helping distribute clean needles and bleach to that population. Across the country, gay teens are being educated about how to express themselves sexually

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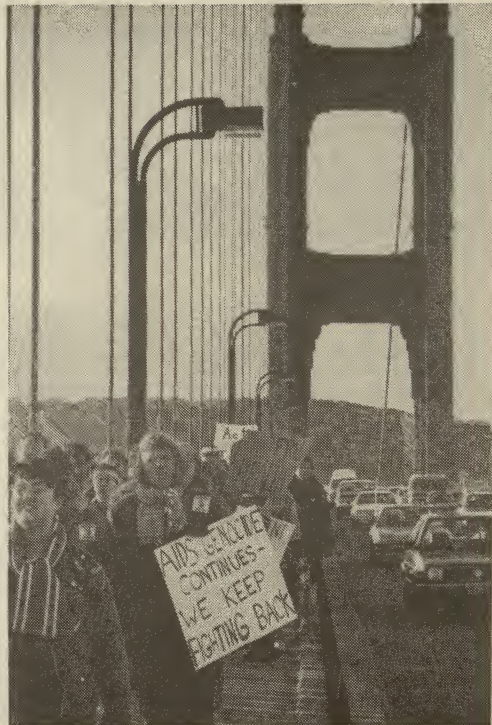
Prevention Point, San Francisco's needle-exchange program, works to curtail the spread of AIDS among the IV drug-using community.



The "Faces of AIDS" art exhibit at A Day of Remembrance at Grace Cathedral October 1988. (Photo: B. Hartford)



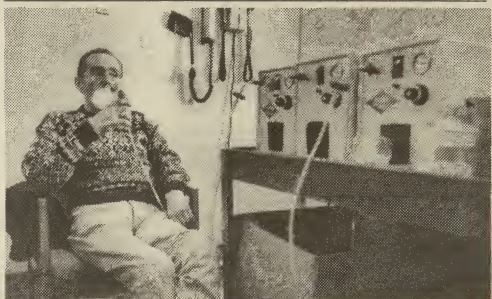
ACT UP drowns out the rhetoric of Secretary of Health Louis Sullivan at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco in 1990. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)



Stop AIDS Now Or Else (SANOE) returns to the Golden Gate Bridge on the first anniversary of the bridge closure Jan. 31, 1990. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)



Ten years into the epidemic, AIDS cases and deaths continue to escalate. (Photo: Y. Soy)



Aerosolized pentamidine is now a standard prophylactic prevention and treatment for pneumocystic pneumonia. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)



The San Francisco AIDS Walk annually raises monies for various AIDS organizations. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)



The Golden Gate Bridge closure is now a symbol of protest over the frustration of the apathetic response to AIDS. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)



The Names Project Memorial Quilt was displayed on the Ellipse in conjunction with the second March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1987. (Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)





# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1982: Gay Games Debuts, Police/Gay Relations Strained

by Dennis Conkin

At the beginning of 1982, the most controversial figure in the gay community, the Rev. Ray Broshers, 46, died of a stroke.

Broshers received national attention for his publicity grabbing stunts, including an article in *Time* about the "Lavender Panthers," an allegedly armed and militant gay group that would combat anti-gay street violence. Broshers posed for the article in a clerical collar and holding a cocked (but unloaded) rifle.

A self-ordained minister in a variety of arcane denominations, including one mail-order ministry, Broshers was once detained by the Secret Service for making a threat against President Lyndon Johnson. He was well known for his feuds with other gay leaders.

Many in the community thought Broshers was seriously mentally ill, others derided him as a police informant. His funeral several weeks later drew 150 people.

In January, William Bonin, a.k.a. The Freeway Killer, was sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the robbery and rape murders of more than 10 young male hitchhikers.

The U.S. Olympic Committee informed Dr. Tom Waddell that he was not allowed to use "The Gay Olympics" as a title for his

lesbian and gay athletic fete.

San Francisco Police Department Officer P. Thomas Cady filed a complaint with the Civil Service Commission saying that he was the victim of harassment during police academy training. Cady resigned from the academy as a recruit because he was told that the academy intended to terminate him. Cady said he had been told that he would be ineligible for any city law enforcement position if terminated. He also filed for reinstatement.

*Making Love*, a feature film starring Harry Hamlin and Michael Ontkean, opened in San Francisco. The film was about a love triangle in which a young doctor falls for a novelist and leaves his wife.

Author Gore Vidal, an out-front homosexual, gave a state of the union speech in San Francisco as part of his campaign for a California U.S. Senate seat.

After five years of boycotting by gay groups, Coors Brewery in February sued activist Howard Wallace and the gay group Solidarity for violations of the Sherman anti-trust act and other statutes, demanding that the boycotters desist in coercion, intimidation, interfering with and assaulting any person, business or other entity, in connection with the boycott. The suit asked for more than \$140,000 in punitive damages.

Community United Against Violence was "ripped

apart," according to a late February account of internal trouble at the organization. After firing Diane Christiansen, the CUAV board voted to reinstate her and pay her vacation and compensatory time. In the internal squabble that threatened the agency's existence, five members of the board and much of the staff had departed.

Randy Shilts' book about the life and times of Harvey Milk, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, had been on sale for two weeks by the Feb. 25, 1982 issue. The book was selling briskly in gay bookstores around the country.

Two San Francisco cops refiled a lawsuit against the *Bay Area Reporter* for libel, dropping the price tag by \$5 million down to \$5 million for damages.

San Francisco would lose out as the planned site for a sculpture of a lesbian and gay couple, following the objection of Dr. Bruce Voeller of the Mariposa Foundation.

Voeller said that the idea for the sculpture was his and that he had arranged for the Mildred Andrews Foundation to fund his program. A spokesman for the Andrews Foundation said that San Francisco was always their first choice for the sculpture.

Four multistory dwellings in the Castro were torched by an arsonist on an early February morning. More than \$2.5 million in damages was reported along 18th Street from Guerrero to Noe. There were no injuries, but more than a dozen families were made homeless.

The Wisconsin state Legislature became the first in the country to pass a gay civil rights bill. The state Senate passed the measure, 19-13. The bill outlawed discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing and employment in the public and the private sectors. Gov. Lee Dreyfus signed the bill.

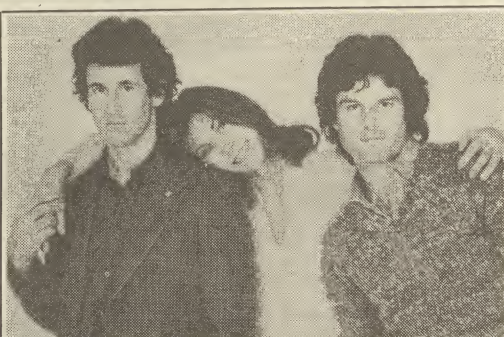
Opposition to the appointment of the Rev. Sam Hart as a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission forced President Reagan to withdraw Hart's nomination. Hart blamed "homosexual reporters" for his downfall.

In March the *Bay Area Reporter* noted that 11 cases of Kaposi's sarcoma and pneumocystis pneumonia had been reported in the U.S. for the last half of 1981.

More than 2,000 women marched from Haight Street to Golden Gate Park for the Seventh Annual Day in the Park for Women.

Congressman John Burton announced his retirement from political life. He held the Fifth District seat since 1984. A week later state Sen. Milton Marks announced that he was a candidate for the post.

Black and White Men Together charged that gay bars were discriminating on the



*Making Love* was hailed in 1982 as a groundbreaking "positive" Hollywood film.

basis of race. An employment and patronage study of 99 local gay male bars revealed that 78 percent of the bars were at least 88 percent white and almost one-third exclusively white. Of 300 bar employees, 27 were not white.

Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center opened a Gay Health Clinic.

By April, trouble was continuing at CUAV and Bob Smith, the agency's executive director, was ousted by the board.

Chris Madson, 30, was fired at the *Christian Science Monitor* because she was a lesbian after having worked there for seven years. She resigned from the church.

The *Bay Area Reporter* carried a lengthy feature on *San Francisco Chronicle* reporter Randy Shilts, the first openly gay person hired by a major newspaper as a permanent employee.

A homophobic mailer by Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr. that slammed S.F. Municipal Court Judge Mary Morgan was withdrawn after the Senate candidate confessed it was "an error" and that he had no problems with homosexuals in government.

A suit by two police officers accusing the *Bay Area Reporter* of libel was thrown out of court again for the second time in April because it lacked a "cause of action."

In late April, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Aguilar tentatively ruled that the INS could not bar gays from entering the U.S. without first administering a medical test to determine whether they are suffering from insanity and could be excluded under such provisions.

In May attorney's for the Police Officers Association representing two cops who sued the B.A.R. for libel announced that the suit would be dropped.

A Castro Street party celebrated the birthday of Harvey Milk on May 22. Milk would have been 52.

Mark Chester, a victim of the July 1981 Folsom Street fire, sued Mayor DiAnne Feinstein, Fire Chief Andy Caspar, all local TV stations and both daily newspapers for invasion of privacy for displaying his erotic art and artifacts as a justification for Caspar's pronouncement that the fire scene contained S&M torture chambers and that he expected to find "any number of human bodies chained to beds."

Police Chief Con Murphy rejected recruitment policies established by the city that called for the intensive and effective recruitment of lesbians and gays as police officers.

In a final ruling on the INS practice to refuse admittance of lesbian and gay tourists and others into the country, U.S. Judge Robert Aguilar said that there was "no legitimate or bona fide reason" for the practice to continue. The ruling was a victory for Carl Hill and the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee, which had sued over the ban.

On June 24 the *Bay Area Reporter* carried a small story that indicated researchers of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta believed that the cases of Kaposi's sarcoma and pneumocystis pneumonia in gay men were due to infections that suppressed immunity.

The infection appeared to be spreading; 413 cases of the disease had been diagnosed in the past year, according to the report.

The 1982 Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was marred by the death of Daryl Anderson, 19, who was killed when he fell under the wheels of the I-Beam dance palace's float and the flatbed trailer rolled over his body.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit against Southern Pacific on behalf of Larry Brinken, after the firm denied Brinken three days funeral leave after his lover of 11 years died.

FBI spying on gay groups and individuals was revealed in an *Advocate* expose. The government had been collecting thousands of names of suspected and known homosexuals and maintaining files on such groups at Daughters of Bilitis, SIR, the Tavern Guild and others.

5,000 people attended a rally at the Civic Center in the beginning of July to reaffirm their commitment for the Equal Rights Amendment as the deadline for ratification of the constitutional amendment neared.

In August the United States Olympic Committee obtained a court order from U.S. District Court Judge Sam Conti granting a temporary restraining order forbidding the Gay Olympics from using the word "Olympic" or "Olympiad." A permanent injunction was lat-

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## Heaven Can't Wait!

### Broshers Gets Final Call

Although health problems had reduced his activities in the past few years, Broshers had been, cynics notwithstanding, a forceful personality. He had helped organize the "Lavender Panthers," an allegedly armed and militant gay group that would combat anti-gay street violence. Broshers posed for the article in a clerical collar and holding a cocked (but unloaded) rifle.

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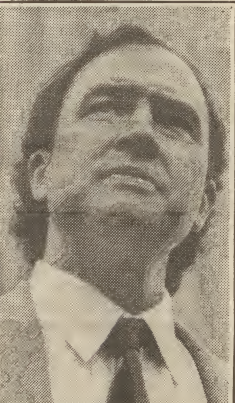
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Paul Dague, a psychologist and former director of Operation Concern, contracted KS. In a front page interview, Dague, who had been working for almost a year at the University of California KS Clinic, called any connection between his treatment of KS patients and his contracting the disease "the wildest absurdity" and spoke of his feelings about contracting the illness.

Congress allocated \$2.7 million for AIDS research in fiscal year 1983, which starts Oct. 1, 1982. The UCSF KS Clinic, according to Co-Director Dr. Paul Volberding, hoped to get \$300,000 of the funds. The money would be disbursed throughout the National Cancer Institute. The CDC in Atlanta was to receive half a million dollars in funds.



Dr. Paul Volberding

The same Aug. 26 issue carried a news account that cytomegalovirus may play a role in KS, as the virus had been discovered in tumor tissues taken from people with KS.

The Gay Games began at Kezar Stadium in August. Runner Sue Walker, carrying the torch of the Gay Games that was lit June 13 at Stonewall Inn in New York City, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge, concluding the 4,000 mile torch run accompanied by dozen of runners. More than 100,000 people jammed Kezar for the opening day ceremonies. The Games closed a week later. More than 2,000 people attended field events, 1,000 attended wrestling and a physique competition held at the Castro Theatre drew a capacity crowd of more than 1,500.

Ex-Sen. John Briggs was ordered to pay \$10,000 for defaming a gay Healdsburg school teacher who came out of the closet to work against the 1978 Briggs initiative. The teacher charged that Briggs falsely portrayed him as a child molester and as unfit to teach because he was gay. The sum was in settlement of a multimillion dollar suit against Briggs.

A branch of the new Atlas Savings and Loan opened on Castro Street in September.

The B.A.R. and Supervisor Harry Britt had a nasty spat, with the B.A.R. accusing Britt of making a political deal with the Police Officers Association. In exchange for Britt's support of two police fiscal

measures on the ballot, the POA would not attack Britt's plan for a Civilian Complaint Bureau in the Police Department. Editor Paul Lorch called the deal a "sellout."

In October, Lucia Valeska, the embattled director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, resigned the \$34,000 post after months of pressure and criticism for poor management of the agency. Virginia Apuzzo was appointed the director following Valeska's resignation.

17 people were arrested in the Castro on a Saturday night in October. All were charged with trespassing after being discovered loitering in the courtyard of Holy Redeemer School, a popular trysting spot, next to Collingwood Park.

A U.S. District Court judge ruled that Sgt. Perry Watkins could not be barred from reenlistment. The Army tried to bar him on the basis of homosexuality, but Watkins contended that he had been openly gay and told recruiters so when he enlisted in 1968. The Army appealed the decision.

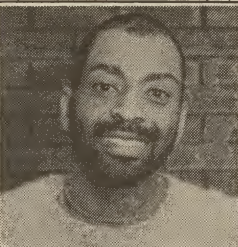
In November the B.A.R. carried a report about Scott Thorsen, the alleged ex-lover of Liberace, who sued the entertainer for \$380 million in palimony.

Don Jacobs, a gay activist in San Francisco, one of the founders of Gay Rap, was charged with stealing more than \$150,000 from his book-keeping clients including the Mint, the Eagle and Detour bars, the Star Bakery and the company that managed the P.S. and Church Street Station restaurants. Jacobs fled and an arrest warrant was sworn.

A plan to give the domestic partners of city workers health

benefits passed the City Services Committee and was sent to the full board for a hearing in November.

In November the claims of several gay men that they had been falsely arrested in July



Sgt. Perry Watkins

near Collingwood Park were upheld. Two officers were formally charged by the department for making false arrests, beating three men while in custody at Mission station and spraying one of the men arrested with Mace. The false arrest charges were filed by Peter Nardoza, an aide to Dianne Feinstein, Gregory Williams, a verger at Grace Cathedral, and several others.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed by an 8-3 vote legislation that would give domestic partners of city workers health and visitation benefits. The *Chronicle* and *Examiner* attacked the legislation. Mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed the measure following the opposition of Roman Catholic Archbishop John Quinn.

Deteriorating relations between the gay community and the police were commented on in a letter by Officer Ron Morrison, who spoke of the problems with public sex on Ringold Alley.

## Bathhouse Chronology

Compiled by Keith Clark

December 1982 Supervisor Wendy Nelder, asked what the most important thing she could do for the gay community over the next few years, responds, "Clean up the drinking water. That's more important to gays than domestic partner benefits (which she voted against) or rent control or anything. We have so much asbestos and carcinogens in the water, and I think this is what's causing all of the hepatitis and gay cancer (AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma). It's not the lifestyle, or any of the other causes attributed to spreading it. It's the drinking water."

March 1983 — At a meeting with health officials and community and political leaders to discuss the growing crisis of AIDS, Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver says that if, as health authorities have begun to strongly suspect, the virus is spread through the exchange of bodily fluids, the city's Health Department should get a court order to close the gay bathhouses. She is booed for the statement.

May 1983 — Suffering from a loss in business, The Hothouse, one of the city's most popular after-hours sex clubs, shuts down May 31.

June 1983 — Dr. Mervyn Silverman, Health Department director, orders bathhouses and sex clubs in the city to display safe-sex posters in their establishments. Reports in the daily papers and on TV news suggest Dr. Silverman may be planning to shut down the city's gay baths and sex clubs. As a result of his order for the baths and clubs to post signs, reporters persist in asking if he has the legal power to shut down the baths if they don't comply. Silverman says he does have that power, and the press has a field day.

June 1983 — Toklas political action Chair Law Wilson is publicly disavowed by the officers and members of the club because he helped organized a meeting of gay community leaders and bathhouse/sex club owners about community AIDS education in the baths. Milk Democratic Club AIDS committee co-chairs Catherine Cusic and Mark Virga are both publicly criticized during a club meeting for suggesting safe-sex signs be posted and brochures made available at the baths.

July 1983 — An article in the July issue of *California* magazine accuses California gay leaders of covering up vital public health information about AIDS. The article, entitled "White-wash," causes a furor among politically active lesbians and gays in the city, principally over remarks attributed to Milk Club health services co-chair Catherine Cusic, who is quoted as saying, "There are leaders in this community who don't want people to know the truth. Their attitude is that it is bad for business, bad for the gay image. The whole thing borders on the homicidal ... Some of those responsible are gay leaders. In my mind they're criminally negligent. They've betrayed their own community."

The article names Pat Norman, then director of gay/lesbian health services for the city's Health Department, and Randy Stallings, then president of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club. The most serious accusation against Norman and Stallings in the piece is that the two had entered into a "conspiracy of silence" to suppress research that indicated 1 out of every 333 single men in the Castro district had AIDS. The allegation was based on an article by *San Francisco Chronicle* AIDS reporter Randy Shiels earlier in March revealing the results of the study, which was marked "Confidential" but had been leaked to him from within the Health Department. Both Norman and Stallings — along with one of the authors of the study — had apparently tried to convince Shiels not to write a story on the study, saying they were concerned a sensational news report on the controversial study would cause an anti-gay "panic."

July 1983 — After nearly a decade in operation, the first actual bathhouse to fall victim to the AIDS panic in San Francisco was, ironically, the straight/hy Sutor Baths on Folsom Street, now the location of the gay nightclub Colossus. The asking price for the building was \$700,000 plus \$200,000 for the business itself.

August 1983 — In the August issue of *The New Republic*, senior editor Charles Krauthammer wrote, "If the bathhouse issue were freed from the political uses to which it has been put by homophobes, and from the political symbolism with which it has been endowed by radical gay activists, it might be easier for the gay community to close the bathhouses to save lives. One would hope that the issue could be de-ideologized and left to the judgment of the affected community. But that is not likely to happen." Krauthammer's suggestion was certainly less sanguine than

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### Another Epidemic

#### Acquired Immune Deficiency

Behind the mystery of the unaccountable appearance of KS, there is still another of equal mystery: how is it spread? The latest attempt to answer this question is a study by the University of California at San Francisco, which is now being published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

#### WHO IS AT RISK?

Despite the growing body of information about AIDS, many people are still confused about the disease. The University of California at San Francisco study, which is now being published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is a major contribution to the understanding of the disease. The study shows that the disease is spread by contact with the blood of an infected person. This includes contact with blood during sex, sharing needles, and contact with blood during medical procedures.

#### ALREADY KNOWN DEFICIT

The findings of several studies have shown that people with AIDS have a deficiency in their immune system. This deficiency makes them more susceptible to infections and diseases. The University of California study shows that the deficiency is caused by a virus called the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

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### Collingwood Park Arouses Supes

By Alice White

Supervisors Harry Britt in conjunction with the Vigilante Committee, announced an investigation of the Park. The investigation is being conducted by the Park's Board of Supervisors.

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## 1983: AIDS News Worsens, Studds Comes Out, AB1 Stalls

by Dennis Conkin

In January 1983 longtime gay activist attorney and civic leader Herb Donaldson was appointed as a Municipal Court judge by outgoing Gov. Jerry Brown.

The second meeting of the Pacific Coast Regional Network of Black and White Men Together was held in San Francisco in December 1982 and was a success. More than 30 members of the group from local and Southern California chapters met and planned for their National Conference.

The National Hemophilia Foundation recommended that blood banks not accept blood from groups at high risk for AIDS including gay men, IV drug users and "those who have resided in

Haiti," according to a January report.

A move to recall Mayor Dianne Feinstein had garnered 35,000 petition signatures although only 19,357 were required to put the initiative on the November ballot. A group called the White Panthers spearheaded the drive, which was over gun control regulations supported by Feinstein. Although the *Bay Area Reporter* did not support the recall, it noted that the paper was no fan of Feinstein's.

The Coors boycott was revived, according to a February report. The continuation of the boycott followed meetings between Joseph and William Coors and three gay newspaper representatives in Colorado and a press conference held by Howard Wallace, who was being sued by

Coors.

The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank announced that it would "screen out sexually active gay men from donating blood," according to a Feb. 3 article.

A February 1983 article in *Lancet*, a British medical journal, reported that two pathologists of the National Cancer Institute did not believe that Kaposi's sarcoma was a cancer, but was a "benign proliferation."

Mayor Dianne Feinstein signed a resolution proclaiming support for Assembly Bill 1, authored by Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco). AB 1 had been introduced every year since 1978, but had not been passed out of committee. The bill would have outlawed sexual orientation discrimination in employment.



Feinstein survives recall.

Attempts by Supervisor Harry Britt to set up an Office of Citizen Complaints to handle police misconduct charges were stalled by foot-dragging in the Police Commission. Voters had approved the formation of the OCC in November 1982 and earmarked more than \$600,000 for it.

The Stonewall Gay Democratic Club voted to support the recall of Mayor Feinstein.

*Bay Area Reporter* Publisher Bob Ross was appointed to the Golden Gate Bridge Board by the Board of Supervisors.

Renowned playwright Tennessee Williams died in late February. Williams, author of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, was 71.

The Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club voted to oppose the recall of Mayor Feinstein.

A front page article in the *St. Patrick's Day* issue by writer Larry Kramer noted that 1,112 people had been diagnosed with AIDS and said that if the article didn't rouse one to "anger, fury and action, gay men had no future on the Earth." The article lambasted the federal government for its inaction, homophobia and negligence in responding to the health crisis.

The Board of Supervisors approved \$180,000 in funding for fiscal year 1983 for funding AIDS programs and committed \$270,000 in funds for fiscal year 1984.

A nasty spat erupted at City Hall when Richard Hongisto denounced Supervisor Wendy Nelder by calling her "San Francisco's Anita Bryant."

Nelder had told a *Chronicle* reporter in an interview that "a lot of people wondered if he likes women at all."

Dr. Marcus Conant and Dr. Paul Volberding informed the community that the number of AIDS cases would "rise dramatically" and that there was at least an 18-month incubation period. Concern over whether the cause was cytomegalovirus, which is transmitted through semen, urine and blood. There was a great deal of discussion about what kinds of sexual activity transmitted the unidentified virus that caused the syndrome, according to the April report.

Congressman Phil Burton (D-San Francisco) died in April of a heart attack at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. The gay community mourned a friend.

Seven women at Concord Naval Air Station were facing courts-martial on homosexuality and drug charges. All refused to discuss their sex lives with Naval investigators.

Mike Hippler also penned a column about his own health. Diagnosed with pseudomonas and candida, a yeast infection, among other things, Hippler noted that his physician told him to cheer up, that he didn't have AIDS. Hippler told him that the fact he didn't have KS or pneumocystis was no consolation—all it meant was that, as of April 1983, he didn't have AIDS—yet.

Mayor Feinstein easily defeated a recall election against her in April, winning big by retaining her support in the gay community.

In May, Tom Cady, a gay man, was ordered reinstated in the Police Academy by the Civil Service Commission. A former police recruit, Cady had been dropped from the Academy and a Northern Station training program in 1981. He filed a complaint alleging homophobic treatment and anti-gay bias.

The Rev. James Sandmire, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, became the first gay chaplain in the police department. Sandmire was appointed to the volunteer post by the Police Commission to minister to all officers.

The National Council of Churches notified MCC that it would not accept the denomination as a member due to opposition from other churches.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav purchased the former Mormon Temple at 201 Caselli St. as the facility for their synagogue.

A group called the People With AIDS Alliance formed with the purpose of "fighting ignorance and panic" about the disease. The group also sought representation on the boards of AIDS-related organizations.

A California Supreme Court ruling threw out "sex offender" registration for people convicted of lewd and disolute conduct, calling the practice "cruel and unusual punishment." Thousands of gay men convicted of the crime had been required to register with local police departments, were fingerprinted and photographed and the records sent to the U.S. Department of Justice and a central state office.

The Health Department ordered that AIDS warnings be placed in all San Francisco bathrooms. Dr. Mervyn Silverman issued the ruling due to concern about AIDS transmission during annual Gay Pride celebrations at the end of June. Physicians were also urged to report all AIDS cases to the department, as required by state law, making AIDS a reportable disease. According to a June article, 249 cases and 72 deaths had been reported in San Francisco; 1,450 cases had been reported nationally, with 558 deaths.

The Shanti Project announced plans to create resi-

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### Pat Norman Throws Hat in Supervisors' Race

by Paul Larch

Nobody had any idea how many would show up. Next, party organizers were saying that happily more showed up than they expected.

Some 100 political activists and supporters turned out last Friday evening for a campaign kick-off for Lesbian/Gay activist Pat Norman. By Saturday morning on hearing who had attended, a few no-shows were wishing they had attended and had been on the ground floor.

Norman, 43, launched her 16-month drive for a seat on the Board of Supervisors with a reception at the Alhambra Hall home of Dr. Tom Waddell. The event concentrated weeks of runs on the part of the representative in the city's health department was thinking about running in 1984.

Cosponsors of the Norman campaign are Karen Schriber and Barbara Cameron. Norman's campaign manager has been selected at this time Norman said.

The 100 guests paid \$10, \$15, or \$25 for the three-hour kick-off party. Norman was introduced by Supervisor Carol Hall Silver who also took on a later task of hawking the guests for additional contributions. Silver "informed" 25 great people to write additional checks.

Norman introduced members of her family, her two grown sons and her fiancée. Norman, a grandmother, said her mother was active in politics but that their affiliations were quite apart. So far apart, that Pat eschewed politics for years. Norman said was premature to outline a platform and told the *Bay Area Reporter* that she would be spending the next six months "bonding my base." Norman plans outreach to the women's community as well as the ethnic minorities. She is counting on



Supervisor candidate Pat Norman (Photo: Bob)



Gay male affection once again exhibited at the 83 Parade. This year good health enters the picture. (Photo: Bob)

### Mixed Chorus to Jump Ship

No Money; New Conductor Nixed

by Allen White

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus is expected to withdraw from Golden Gate Performing Arts at a meeting next Monday night. Earlier this week the singing group held a meeting to determine their future.

At issue was an in-solvent cooperative umbrella, whether to hire a conductor, and to what extent this chorus would take financial liability for a financially disastrous concert last month at the Warfield Theatre.

At their meeting the Lesbian/Gay Chorus expressed a strong desire to free themselves from the larger and higher profile San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. The mixed chorus believes they are under pressure of a debt created largely by the 1981 Gay Men's Chorus tour of America.

Meeting last Monday, one chorus member said she left the mixed chorus had "lost control." She noted that their group had wanted the 5th Annual Gay Musical Celebration to be held at Everett Middle School in an effort to hold down cost. They did not prevail and the final decision was to present the event at the Warfield with expenses exceeding \$20,000.

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### AB-1 Passes Senate Judiciary Committee

Marks Rescues AIDS Bill Stalled in Assembly Committee

AB-1 passed its first hurdle in the State Senate Tuesday afternoon. By a 6 to 4 vote with one abstention the Senate Judiciary Committee passed favorably on the merits of the bill which would bar employment discrimination against

Gays and Lesbians. Gerry Parker, former president of Stonewall Gay Demos Club, said that from 12 to 15 people went up to Sacramento to attend the hearing. Included were representatives from Stonewall, Alice, and East Bay Gay Demos and GRR. The hearing room was packed, said Parker, with many Sacramento Gays on hand. Testimony for the bill, among others, were Lesbian attorney Mary Dunlap; Bob

the men's chorus for excessive spending, they too had budget problems to face. The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus showed a loss for the first six months of 1983 totaling \$6,255. To keep the group solvent, the Gay Men's Chorus made a \$4,000 loan to the group. Additionally, the mixed chorus had planned to hire a conductor at \$1,800 a month. The conductor was planning to move from his Indiana home to live in San Francisco. Though he was told he had been accepted for the job, not until this week.

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One of many a "nasty" dancing participants in the Bay Area AIDS Bikes contingent "saw the fancy of the Bay Area photographer Robert Prusan.

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dences for PWAs in June. The location of the houses would be kept secret in order to protect residents from harassment; \$220,000 in city funds were allocated to the program to assist PWAs who had no resources.

The Lesbian Rights Project celebrated its fifth anniversary with a dinner at Davies Symphony Hall. More than 200 attended the event honoring the project, founder Donna Hitchens and staff attorney Roberta Achtenberg for their work.

Coors Brewery was denied access to files of Solidarity, a gay group. A U.S. District Court judge ruled the company had no right to access the group's membership list, contributors, club minutes or other confidential information. The firm had sued for the information as part of a lawsuit against an organizer of the Coors boycott.

San Francisco gay leaders were accused of an AIDS whitewash by *California* magazine writers Peter Collier and David Horowitz in the June issue of the magazine.

The article, about the suppression of a study by Andrew Moss and Michael Gorman, two University of California San Francisco AIDS researchers, said their study showed that one out of every 333 single men living in the Castro area had been diagnosed with AIDS. The story charged that the report was suppressed for political reasons, and was critical of the *Bay Area Reporter's* AIDS coverage and the response of two gay political clubs, Stonewall and Alice B. Toklas, and many gay leaders to the epidemic.

An estimated 200,000 people crowded into the downtown area for the annual Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. More than 200 floats and marching units made the path down Market Street to the Civic Center. The parade was dedicated to people with AIDS.

Archbishop John Quinn emphatically rejected the recommendation of the priest's senate plan to minister to lesbian and gay Catholics. Quinn also announced that he would not support AB1, which forbids discrimination against homosexuals in employment. The recommendation of the senate were labeled "unacceptable" by Quinn in June. Quinn dismantled the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the Social Justice Commission after several priests and theologians criticized Quinn's rejection of the recommendations.

The *Wall Street Journal* rejected an ad for Atlas Saving and Loan, because it advertised as an institution "organized for the lesbian and gay community to serve the lesbian and gay community." No explanation except that the ad was unacceptable was given by the paper.

In July, Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass) announced that he was gay on the floor of the House of Representatives. He made the statement after being accused of ethics violations for a sexual episode with a 17-

year-old male page. Studds acknowledged the "very serious error in judgment."

In August, District Attorney Arlo Smith filed suit against Randall Nathan, who owned the building housing the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Parade Committee's office. Smith alleged Nathan committed sexual orientation discrimination when he evicted the group.

The offices of *California* magazine were picketed by gay groups upset with a July cover story on AIDS.

Six national gay groups, including Black and White Men Together, the National Coalition of Black Gays, MCC and others expressed disappointment over the rejection of a gay speaker at the national Martin Luther King Jr. Washington, D.C., 20th anniversary memorial march. An eleventh hour compromise was reached and Audre Lorde, a renowned black lesbian activist, deliv-



Rep. Gerry Studds

ered a speech.

In August the New York City Health Commission removed Haitians from their list of high AIDS-risk groups, after severe criticism by Haitian American leaders over the racism of the designation.

In a September letter in the letters section, Assemblyman Art Agnos asked readers for help with AB1. It cleared the Senate Finance committee and state Sen. David Roberti agreed to take the bill to a vote by Sept. 15.

On Sept. 7 a U.S. Appeals Court ruled that the Immigration and Naturalization Service violated federal law when it excluded gays without an insanity exam to determine if they were sexual psychopaths or insane. Gay aliens were required to have the exam, which no physician would give, hence the INS had no way to exclude gay visitors.

AB 1 was withheld from a Senate vote by Assemblyman Art Agnos and his staffers after they determined there were not enough votes for the measure. Agnos said it would wait until 1984.

Also in October, SEEQ

Technology, a Silicon Valley high-tech firm, was slapped with a \$30 million lawsuit after a former chemical technician alleged a year of homophobic harassment including rumors that he suffered from AIDS. Larry Ghilzai charged that other employees were moved from his work station as result of the rumors.

In October, Jesse Jackson announced that gays were welcome in the Rainbow Coalition.

Also in October, Big Brothers of America announced it had a policy of accepting gay men as prospective Big Brothers. The Boy Scouts of America had been ordered to reinstate Timothy Curran, a Berkeley Eagle Scout, as a troop leader. The BSA dropped him from the organization after an *Oakland Tribune* article mentioned his homosexuality. The decision by the Second District Court of Appeals was appealed.

An AIDS Candlelight Vigil was held in October on Castro Street. Several hundred gathered to commemorate those who dies of AIDS. Similar demonstrations took place in Washington, San Diego, Seattle, Denver, Atlanta, Cleveland and others cities around the world.

A report by B.A.R. writer Dion Sanders smashed the myth of AIDS as a "white gay man's disease" with his ground-breaking and exclusive report that 40 percent of all AIDS patients were members of black, Latino, Asian and Native American ethnic minority groups. Sanders detailed a previously unpublished report from the Centers for Disease Control about the statistical findings.

The city's Human Rights Commission opened hearings into complaints that more than 200 gay bars in San Francisco discriminated against non-whites in hiring. The proceedings were the culmination of a year long investigation by the San Francisco chapter of Black and White Men Together.

H. Steven Willis was awarded \$100,000 five years after the 1979 White Night Riots for injuries received by a savage beating from an unidentified police officer. He suffered a fractured skull, and a brain hemorrhage. Willis lapsed into a coma and underwent brain surgery twice.

The U.S. Justice Department announced that it would not prosecute Dan White for violating the Civil Rights Act of 1968 in connection with the murders of Harvey Milk and George Moscone. The decision meant that White would be released from Soledad State Prison in January 1984.

John Laird, a longtime gay activist, was appointed mayor of Santa Cruz in November.

There were no surprises in the local elections, according to political analyst Wayne Friday. Dianne Feinstein, Mike Hennessey and Arlo Smith were re-elected.

A December report said that the fifth Annual Harvey Milk Memorial March, which drew 8,000, might be the last.

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that of L. Davis Almand, a gay employee of the San Francisco Police Department, who suggested the following proposals in the July issue of *San Francisco Policeman*: "Close the bathhouses and (sex) clubs, quarantine all AIDS patients, establish national and international computer banks to monitor the whereabouts of all AIDS patients, and tightly restrict immigration."

**September 1983** — Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell brings his AIDS hysteria campaign to Los Angeles demanding that the government shut down all gay bathhouses and arrest gay men who donate blood. Falwell said of the baths, "Every possible type of vulgar, bloody, sadistic thing goes on ... I think it's a very small sacrifice to ask gays to curb that kind of sub-animal behavior for their own sake."



Larry Littlejohn

**November 1983** — As patronage at gay men's baths and sex clubs in the city continues to slacken, The Catacombs, a popular South of Market club, announces parties for women on alternating Friday nights in an attempt to bolster attendance. Lesbians stay away in droves, and the parties are soon forgotten.

**March 1984** — Outgoing executive director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Rick Crane, says about talk of closing the baths: "Absolutely, positively not. It isn't where you do it, it is what you do. The problem isn't the bathhouses, it is with people's behavior patterns. That is what needs to be changed. No one should be encouraging people to walk around the bathhouses as 'morals monitors' with weanie-whackers or to don body condoms or hermetically-sealed 501s. So if you close the bathhouses, the next thing you'll have to do is close the parks, and ultimately the bedrooms."

**March 27, 1984** — Larry Littlejohn files a notice of intention to circulate petitions for a "Declaration of Policy" ballot measure calling on the Board of Supervisors to amend the city's Policy Code to prohibit all sexual activity at bathhouses and sex clubs. This single action precipitates a crisis in the community over closing the baths, and the issue now becomes an intensely reported topic in the city's gay press. The public debate fomented by Littlejohn's controversial action will rage for months to come, which is what Littlejohn claims is exactly what he was trying to do.

**March 28, 1984** — A front-page *San Francisco Chronicle* story by Randy Shilts says Silverman is preparing shortly to announce the closing of the gay baths and sex clubs in San Francisco under widespread pressure from gay community leaders.

**March 29, 1984** — In a panic response to the Littlejohn action and the Shilts front-page *Chronicle* report, the Harvey Milk Club hastily organizes a community forum under the direction of Hank Wilson. Some 85 percent of the people at the forum oppose the Littlejohn initiative. Although invited, neither Littlejohn nor Supervisor Harry Britt show. Wilson and the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights had both initially supported a move asking Silverman to close the bathhouses, but both recanted their support of that move following the public opposition at the Milk forum.

**March 30, 1984** — At a news conference, Silverman, wearing a bullet-proof vest, arrives escorted by plainclothes police officers serving as bodyguards after a reported threat was telephoned to the Health Department saying he would be killed if the baths were closed. At the press conference which has been called by Silverman and where everyone expects he will announce the closing of the baths in the city largely because of the Shilts article the day before, he stuns reporters by announcing that he has nothing to talk about.

**April 1, 1984** — Two groups of community leaders, one chaired by Toklas Club President Sal Rosselli, the other by the Rev. Jim Sandmire of MCC, prepared statements urging Silverman to delay any decision on closing the baths for two weeks to give the gay community time to prepare "safe-sex alternatives" to shutting them down.

**April 2, 1984** — The Gay Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights board of directors adopts a statement condemning the Littlejohn action and opposing the closing of the bathhouses.

**April 4, 1984** — Another community forum, held at the Pride Foundation, is standing room only and just one person — Littlejohn — advocates closing the bathhouses. The consensus of the forum is presented to Silverman April 8 at which time he says he intends to ban all sex except masturbation at the baths and sex clubs. According to people attending the meeting, "a handful of activists spoke in general opposition" to Silverman's proposed

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Tim Wolfred



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## 1984: AB1 Passes, New AIDS Link Identified

by Dennis Conkin

January

A plan by Supervisor Harry Britt to strengthen the city's Human Rights Ordinance to include prohibiting discrimination by the City and County of San Francisco, educational institutions or the extension of credit on the basis of sexual orientation and increasing the award of general damages and adding punitive damages, was under way.

Atlas Savings and Loan announced it would close for 15 minutes (from 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.) in protest of the release of Dan White from Soledad State Prison. Employees would also wear black armbands. White was scheduled to be released on Jan. 6.

Eastern Airlines was ordered to rehire Karen Ullane, a transsexual pilot, who flew for the company for 12 years as Kenneth Ullane. A U.S. District Court ruled that the company violated the 1968 Civil Rights Act by firing Ullane for "reasons of safety." The airline announced it would appeal.

New York City sold a three-story Greenwich Village building for \$150,000 to a non-profit group that would establish the Gay Community Center.

State Sen. H.L. Richardson announced that he opposed AB1 and would identify and work to defeat Republicans who supported the measure. Worried that the bill might be defeated, Assemblyman Art Agnos had the vote on the bill postponed until after Feb. 9, the final date for political candidates filings.

Lesbian activist Dianne Christiansen charged that the Detour, a popular Castro bar, discriminated against women. She filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission. Detour denied the allegations.

Also in January, Gramophone dumped its stock of Eddie Murphy comedy videotapes and records and refused to sell the items after Murphy's anti-gay comedy routines.

Protests over the release of Dan White from Soledad Prison to an undisclosed location and with a false identity drew 4,000 protesters to a Feb. 9 Financial District demonstration and another 9,000 to a rally in the Castro.

The California State Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts of America could not discriminate against homosexuals in its organization and denied a review of a state court of appeals decision affirming the reinstatement of Tim Curran, a member of the Walnut Creek chapter of the BSA. Curran had been an Eagle Scout and a troop leader.

Oakland adopted a gay

rights ordinance that was stronger than San Francisco's because it prohibited all businesses in the city from discriminating against gays.

Lesbian educator Dr. Juanita Owens was appointed to the the Commission on the Status of Women by Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

Dr. Tim Wolfred was elected president of the Board of Trustees of City College by the other members of the board in January. Wolfred was instrumental in getting the Castro/Valencia Community College Center started.

National Gay Rights Advocates attorneys Leonard Graff and Don Knutson asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling denying John Longstaff, a British alien, citizenship and ordering him deported for being gay.

The Lambda Funeral Service opened in the Castro district. The group offered "full leather burials."

Gay public defenders Ron Albers and Charles Stolpe defended homosexual panic defenses in murders of gay people in a panel at Golden Gate University. Lesbian Senior District Attorney Bred French deplored its abuse at the panel, sponsored by the Bay Area Lawyers For Individual Freedom, a gay group.

A U.S. District Court judge issued a permanent injunction against the use of the "Gay Olympics" title and attorney Mary Dunlap promised an appeal on behalf of the "Gay Games."

Larkin Street Youth Center opened on Larkin Street. The project started by the Polk Street Town Hall, was a refuge for runaway youth, many who were gay, in the Polk Street area.

February

Don McLean, known as Lori Shannon, a female impersonator who starred on Tenderloin drag stages and appeared on *All In The Family*, died of a heart attack.

The city paid \$139,000 to seven victims of police bashing at the Elephant Walk during the White Night riots in 1979. The awards ranged from \$6,000 to \$26,000.

Noted gay rights attorney and Harvey Milk's lawyer, John Wahl, announced his candidacy for supervisor.

Theodore White, author of *The Making of A President*, surprised the *New York Times* in February by declaring that they gay vote could swing the election in New York and California and perhaps decide the presidential election.

The California State Senate passed AB1, which prohibited discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, by a 22-16 vote.

A U.S. District Court judge

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## Baths Close, Reopen in Hours

### Gay Lawyers, Club Owners Defy City Order

Refrains from Using Medical Quarantine Power; Declares 'Nuisance' Instead

by Brian Jones

Public Health Director Dr. Mervyn Silverman on Tuesday said 14 bathhouses were closed, and look-ahead to close or re-open within four hours of closing, some of the owners—advised by a group of gay civil rights attorneys—challenged, "or else what?"

That was the question of the day. The power to bind Silverman's order was very much in doubt. Whether the order was issued and unenforced, many of the closed clubs reopened just four or five hours after being served with Silverman's order.

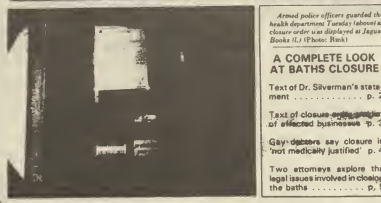
The surprise of the past 48 hours surrounded what Silverman had not done. Everyone expected him to order the baths closed. But the way he went about trying to do so—and the unanswered challenge on the baths owners' defiance—raised questions whether Silverman would be able to not force behind his effort.

Many of the bathhouse and sex club owners served with the order Tuesday were under the impression it was an order of quarantine, and that failure to comply would lead to arrest. They had an immediate reason to think so. Silverman dispatched of armed, uniformed police officers with health officials to serve the notices.

But Silverman, in fact, did not issue a medical quarantine. Instead, he issued an order "To Abate A Public Nuisance." The law under which such orders are issued is local, not state, and considerably less powerful than quarantine.

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Mary Silverman (Photo: Rick)



Armed police officers guarded the health department Tuesday (above) as Silverman's order was delivered to Jaque Banks (L) (Photo: Rick)

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## Federal Study Disputes Bathhouse-AIDS Link

Locally Based Research Says Baths Not A Risk Factor

by Brian Jones

Gay civil rights attorneys who are fighting the city's order to close the baths are using a federal AIDS study as evidence. The San Francisco-based study, being conducted at the federal Centers for Disease Control, examines precisely the questions in dispute: whether patrons of bathhouses are at special risk for AIDS.

With thousands of the study complete, the surprising answer is that there is no statistical correlation between bathhouse attendance and risk for AIDS. In fact, the study-in-progress indicates a reverse correlation.

Among men with five or more sex contacts per month, those who most often or all of their partners in bathhouses appear less likely to be at risk for AIDS than other men with multiple

sex contacts. All multiple-sex contact behavior carries high risk for AIDS, the study indicates. Men in the study who reported five or more sex contacts per month

were three times as likely to have AIDS as those who averaged less than one contact per month. But, among those high-contact men, the bathhouse act-

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Quentin Kopp (Photo: Rick)

Quentin Kopp feels misunderstood as many gays oppose him this campaign season. George Mandelhall talks to Kopp . . . . . p. 13

threw out the anti-trust suit against Solidarity, a gay group and labor activist Howard Wallace. Coors announced it would appeal the ruling.

An accord was reached with the Detour, a popular gay bar, and activists who said it discriminated against women. A new written policy allowed in anyone over 21 with photo ID.

March

Gov. George Deukmejian vetoed AB1. Deukmejian said there was no need for the bill as there was no proof that gays were discriminated against. He also said it would create special protection and that there were strong differences of public opinion regarding the measure.

An openly gay Episcopal priest on the staff of Trinity Episcopal Church was indicted by District Attorney Arlo Smith for practicing medicine without a license. The Rev. Richard Kerr was accused of claiming that he had cures for AIDS, herpes and other diseases.

At the end of March, comedian Eddie Murphy told

the gay community "to kiss my ass," according to a March issue of *Rolling Stone*.

A Superior Court Judge ruled that Coroner Boyd Stephens must return the clothes that Harvey Milk was wearing when he was assassinated to Milk's Estate. Stephen's had refused to release them to prevent their exploitation.

The Hart and Mondale slates for president picked two gay men and two lesbians as Democratic Convention delegates in March.

A U.S. Appeals Court struck down an Oklahoma statute barring homosexuals as teachers.

April

Human T-cell leukemia virus, or HTLV III, was the prime suspect as the virus that caused AIDS, according to a *Wall Street Journal* report.

U.S. prison officials at Lompoc Penitentiary lifted the ban on a gay inmates receiving the B.A.R. or other gay publications, but refused X-rated gay photos.

The gay man who stopped President Ford from being

killed by a bullet from a would be assassin in San Francisco in 1975 took his claim of invasion of privacy to the state Supreme Court. Sipple was identified as gay by *Chronicle* columnist Herb Caen. Sipple, a Vietnam veteran, received a 100 percent disability pension from psychiatric problems because of his experiences in that war.

The *Bay Area Reporter* began carrying obituary notices as a way of commemorating those who died of AIDS. The policy allowed readers to submit 200-word obituaries with a photo of the loved one and other pertinent information free of charge.

May

Jerry Falwell promised to appear in San Francisco during a conference "on the threat of homosexuality" to be held in July on the eve of the Democratic National Convention.

A *New York Times* report said that there was some controversy over the discovery that HTLV III was the virus that caused AIDS. The report noted "transatlantic tension" between Dr. Robert Gallo and

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Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute. Gallo, of the National Cancer Institute, had identified and replicated a virus called HTLV III, but Montagnier had done the same with a virus called LAV. The French discovery was a year older than the Gallo discovery.

A flap erupted when KOFY-TV Channel 20 owner Jim Gabbert bought the *Wally George Show* for weekly airing. The L.A.-based show host had previously denounced gays as perverts and featured audience members waving placards that urged death for gays.

Dr. James Chin, the state's chief of infectious diseases, began the initial procedure for setting up a quarantine protocol for AIDS patients. Chin's four-step plan included local health departments contacting people with AIDS who had sex with partners who did not know of the condition; referring PWAs to an AIDS support group if he or she denied they had the disease or did not follow medical recommendations, modified isolation and finally placing quarantine warnings at PWAs' residences. State legal officials said the fourth step raised questions about privacy rights, according to documents obtained by NGRA.

## July

Months of organizing by activists culminated in the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. A 12-point equal rights and non-discrimination plank addressing lesbian and gay concerns was adopted by the party.

An ad offering blowjobs for straight men led to the death of a popular gay DJ for KALW Radio. The man advertised the offer in the *Spectator*, a swinger's magazine and was shot and killed by a caller who came to his door. Donald Gioletti's roommate was wounded in the incident. Police later linked the slaying to a serial killer who had escaped to Canada.

## September

Mayor Dianne Feinstein rejected a yearlong study by her domestic partners benefits task force before the report was released. Municipal Court Judge Herb Donaldson, a member of the task force, expressed "disappointment."

Singer Michael Jackson held a news conference in September to deny rumors that he used hormones to change his voice or that he was gay.

A New York state Supreme Court ruled in September that Catholic agencies could bar gay workers in New York City. According to the ruling, only the City Council had the authority to make such a ruling, not Mayor Ed Koch, who had issued the order.

The Public Health Service urged its researchers to provide a standardized consent form for AIDS study participants. The form should notify subjects their test results

would be kept "strictly confidential" but acknowledged that HTLV III testing results could result in job and insurance discrimination. The suggestions followed near universal condemnation by the disclosure that the CDC wanted to keep a national federal registry of people who tested positive for HTLVIII virus.

A gay Chicago man charged with the brutal murder of Danny Bridges, a teenage hustler, was linked to 22 sex-related serial killings of young men. Larry Eyler, 31, was held without bond in Chicago.

With 50 new AIDS cases reported in San Francisco in August and 28 deaths, the national total of AIDS diagnoses totaled nearly 6,000.

## October

Two Mission Station officers were under investigation for the beating of a gay man. The gay man allegedly was abducted from a Muni bus, driven in a squad car to the warehouse district, clubbed with police batons and kicked by the officers. His injuries required hospitalization. The report did not name the officers.

Gov. George Deukmejian signed AB848, making it a state civil rights violation to attack or threaten citizens because of sexual orientation, age or disability.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed a measure that would have prohibited city employees such as attorneys or law enforcement officers who openly denigrate members of minority groups from working on cases that affect those groups. The ruling followed revelations in August that Cops for Christ members, including Ed Erdelatz, a homicide inspector, signed a letter in the monthly Police Officers Association publication condemning gays. Erdelatz had been assigned to investigate the murder of John O'Connell, a gay man who was murdered on Polk Street.

Congress rebuffed the Reagan administration and budgeted \$93 million for AIDS research. The figure was \$43 million more than Reagan asked for.

## November

Police Capt. Frank Jordan, head of Northern District police station, said that officers who responded to a firefighter's brawl at Casa De Cristal, a Polk Street restaurant, were under investigation by the department's Internal Affairs Division. The probe was ordered following allegations that the cops failed to adequately investigate the anti-gay behavior of the firefighters, who made anti-gay comments to waiters, and started a fight with a customer that led to a brawl causing considerable damage in the business. Three firefighters were suspended and two formally reprimanded. In addition to suspension, two firefighters were charged with felony battery for repeatedly hitting William K. Moore in the face while making anti-gay remarks. Moore, who isn't gay, filed a \$250,000 claim against

the city for the incident.

Two men were arrested and a third was sought in the murders of two Polk Street teens. William Melvin White and Ted Porter were arrested for the decapitation and torture murder of Larry Gaines, 18, in a Land's End hide-away. White was charged for the murder of Ted Gomez, a 15-year-old in Golden Gate Park. Both youths had been brutally tortured and sodomized before they were killed.

Officer Paul Siedler was verbally reprimanded for kissing another man at the Freedom Day Parade in June. Siedler rejected the reprimand.

Randy Shilts, an openly gay reporter for the *Chronicle*, called gay leaders "inept and a bunch of jerks," in a November interview in *Stallion*, a gay skin magazine. "The local gay scene is a loony bin. You are not dealing with normal people, these folks are crazy," Shilts said.

Tom Nolan, an openly gay man, was elected to a seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in November.

San Francisco supervisors approved a supplemental AIDS package in November that added an additional \$2.4 million to the \$7.6 million in city funds already budgeted for AIDS care and education.

About 1,000 people attended the annual candlelight march on Nov. 27 to commemorate the late Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone who were slain by Dan White in 1978.

Two days later West Hollywood, which had voted itself into being on Nov. 6, swore in its City Council, which promptly passed a gay rights ordinance. Valerie Terrigno, a lesbian, was elected the city's first mayor.

## December

The case against five men accused of the fag bashing murder of John O'Connell on Polk Street in August was in jeopardy due to delays. Repeated continuances in the case were making witnesses "skittish." Assistant District Attorney Bill Fazio told the *B.A.R.* The case hadn't even gone to a preliminary hearing by December, after two continuances.

On Dec. 13 the City Attorney's Office issued a subpoena demanding attendance records from gay bathhouses in San Francisco. The subpoena would have required sign-in sheets of customers' signatures, bathhouse owners charged. The City Attorney's Office said it was not interested in names.

The link between poppers and KS was explored in a study of 87 men with AIDS. Two researchers found that the use of poppers "could be a factor." The city had required warning notices in all places where butyl nitrates were sold in 1983, but no business had been formally cited by the Health Department.

In December, Assemblyman Art Agnos reintroduced AB1. ▼

## Bathhouse Chronology

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ban, but most acquiesced.

**April 9, 1984** — Silverman, using his broad powers as the city's director of Health, orders a ban on sex between individuals at bathhouses and sex clubs. The ban does not include masturbation.

**April 1984** — Littlejohn withdraws his petition intent based on Silverman's ban of sex at the baths and sex clubs.

**April 1984** — During a round-table discussion of community leaders, including Larry Littlejohn, Sal Accardi of the Northern California Bathhouse Association, and Bill Jones, owner of Sutro Baths, Accardi says, "You don't get a good [safe-sex] education program by threatening to close the bathhouses."

**April 1984** — Tim Wolfred, one of several gay leaders who signed a controversial letter to Dr. Silverman urging him to close the baths, explained that he signed the letter because "it was presented to me that there was medical evidence indicating that the bathhouses were a major source in the spread of the disease. I was told that the rectal gonorrhea rates had gone way up again after a major drop, and the gay physicians were pressuring Silverman to take the closure action and that he had agreed and was going to do so. I felt that we as a community needed to support our physicians and through them Dr. Silverman ... Well, as it turned out, the rectal gonorrhea rate was not as it was presented to me, the rates have not gone back up. Furthermore, I later found out that the gay physicians were far from united on closure and, in fact, the majority of them even opposed it. And, in fact, Dr. Silverman was not ready to do what we were told he was going to do." Wolfred, along with all but one of the signatories to the letter to Silverman, asks that their endorsement of the letter be withdrawn.



Judge Roy Wonder

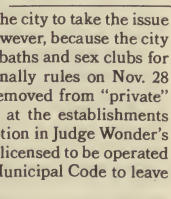
**June 1984** — It's revealed that Mayor Dianne Feinstein had sent police officers in plain clothes — or at least in plain towels — to the bathhouses to write up reports on the sexual activity there. When the revelations come, Feinstein demands that Silverman "have the guts" to close the baths before the upcoming Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. It is also, some activists are quick to point out, only a month before the National Democratic Convention slated to be held in San Francisco.

**June 1984** — Nearly two months after announcing his intention to ban sex in the city's bathhouses and sex clubs, Silverman sends the necessary legislation to Police Chief Cornelius Murphy, asking for public hearings on changes to the city's Police Code governing permits for bathhouses. The proposed regulations detail exactly what sexual acts are forbidden. Although gay businesses are not singled out as a group, only sex acts between men are prohibited, including anal intercourse, fisting, oral sex, oral-anal contact and any exchange of body excrement. In addition, brighter lighting is required, glory holes are forbidden, and doors on individual rooms are not allowed. Meanwhile, Supervisor Harry Britt introduces legislation that would transfer licensing of the baths from the Police Department to the Public Health Department. In August a Board of Supervisors committee — including Britt — unanimously rejects the proposed switch in licensing authority. Britt spoke against his own proposal saying, "We've discovered that civil liberties can be better protected within the Police Department."

**September 1984** — Gay bathhouses and sex clubs in San Francisco band together to form the Adult Entertainment Association to collectively fight "any attempt to put us out of business," which the association believes is imminent. At the same time the SF AIDS Foundation starts mustering support for plans to monitor sex clubs and baths in an attempt to forestall direct government intervention.

**October 1984** — Dr. Mervyn Silverman orders the city's 14 gay sex clubs and bathhouses closed on Oct. 9. Although by noon that day all the clubs had been shut down by city health inspectors, by the next day most were again open for business as the owners openly defied the city to take the issue to court. The defiance was short-lived, however, because the city does in fact get a court order closing the baths and sex clubs for a total of 44 days. Judge Roy Wonder finally rules on Nov. 28 that the baths can reopen if doors are removed from "private" rooms and if there are sexual monitors at the establishments when they are open. A little-noted exemption in Judge Wonder's order, however, allowed clubs "which are licensed to be operated as hotel rooms" as defined in the city's Municipal Code to leave private room doors on.

Rep. William Dannemeyer



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## 1985: CDC Order Targets Foreign Gays, Milk Doc Wins an Oscar

by Dennis Conkin

### January

Openly gay former *Wall Street Journal* reporter Foster Winans, went on trial in January with his lover and another man on 61 counts of using information gained as a reporter for "insider trading" of stocks and bonds. Winans faced 305 years in prison and heavy fines if convicted.

An exclusive *Bay Area Reporter* news article noted that the Centers for Disease Control issued an order for quarantine barring foreign gays from entering the western United States. The quarantine called for medical exclusions to be issued to gays—even though no medical exam was given. Medical exclusion were normally given for diseases such as tuberculosis. A 1983 U.S. District Court ruling prohibited barring foreign gays simply because they were gay.

A labor arbitrator ruled that people with AIDS could not arbitrarily be dismissed due to the disease. The ruling was made in a case involving Gar Traynor, a United Airlines flight attendant who was dismissed because he had AIDS.

The Alexander Hamilton Brigade, a gay veterans group, was approved for membership in the American Legion.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein appointed the first members to the city's new Health Commission. Gay activist Jim Foster was one of the seven people appointed.

K101 Radio announced that the station would no longer play Donna Summer following massive complaints from gay listeners.

Houston voters defeated a proposed gay rights ordinance by a 4-1 margin.

A computer system used to maintain confidential data including patients names,

medical histories and other personal data raised security concerns after allegations by a worker that proper security precautions were not being taken and names and addresses of clients were being transferred by modem to the CDC headquarters in Atlanta. Health Department director David Werdegard denied the breach of security but said they did share statistics.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard an appeal of a lower court decision barring public or private discussion of homosexuality unconstitutional in Oklahoma.

The Pride Foundation Center was served with foreclosure papers. The group had operated the Center since 1982. Complaints of mismanagement also sent the city looking for a new contractor to run a halfway house and an outpatient drug program previously administered by Pride.

After two years on the Board of Permit Appeals, openly gay attorney Jerry Berg was elected president of the commission.

### February

Monitoring of sex-related gay business would continue, the Health Department said, but with city inspectors, not with private investigators. The Health Commission ordered the department to withdraw a request for a \$10,000 contract with Hal Lipset, a private investigator.

Blaming special interests for the disastrous Democratic Party losses, the Democratic National Executive Committee ousted members of gay and other caucuses from the parties standing committee.

A soon to be licensed blood test to detect HTLV III antibodies raised alarm in the gay community. Public Health experts said that without guidelines and precautions the nation's blood supply could be at risk of contamination. Gay leaders urged gay people not to take the test, saying that it did not diagnose AIDS or contagiousness, just indicated the presence of antibodies.

The Office of Citizen Complaints was under fire for dismissing hundreds of cases that have accumulated but not been investigated. In one case a gay man was jailed after jaywalking, and charged by officers with public drunkenness, though he demanded a sobriety test and was never given one.

Ginny Apuzzo resigned as head of the National Gay Task Force to become a commissioner of the New York State Consumer Protection Board.

Supervisor Richard Hongisto's measure to deregulate the adult bookstores and theaters was passed by the Board of Supervisors by a 9-2 vote.

West Hollywood passed a domestic partners ordinance giving the partners of city workers health benefits.

A plan for a special interest group of Sierra Club members called Gay and Lesbian Sierrans was rejected by the club's board of directors as "devisive."

The 950-seat York Theatre was sold out on Feb. 13 for the screening of a documentary film on lesbian parenting by Debra Chasnoff and Kim Klausner. Organizers said the sellout crowd indicated the growing interest in lesbian motherhood.

Department targeted gay groups for surveillance before the 1984 convention. Gay police officer Paul Seidler was also asked to provide information to the surveillance unit but declined.

Del Dawson, head of the Pride Foundation, resigned under pressure, in the face of the organizations' growing financial problems.

### March

Officer Paul Seidler was cleared of misconduct for a televised kiss of a friend during the 1985 Gay Pride Day celebration. Chief of Police Con Murphy issued orders that it was inappropriate for any officer—straight or gay—to kiss anyone while in uniform and on duty.

Pride Foundation President Brandy Moore resigned his post and said that he did not believe the agency should be bailed out. Shortly thereafter, the city declined to save the program and the Pride Center was foreclosed and auctioned off from the steps of City Hall.

Cases of AIDS in the Central African county of Zaire topped those in the United States. While 93 percent of the 8,000 AIDS cases in the United States were among gay men, most of the 11,000 cases in Zaire involved heterosexual men and women.

A Superior Court judge convicted a Mission Station police officer of felony assault, battery and kidnapping charges in two separate cases involving gay men. Scott Quinn faced 10 years in prison for the August 1984 beatings of Anthony Akins and Bruce Lindberg. Following his conviction, Quinn's partner, Nial Philpott, pleaded guilty to assault and false imprisonment charges in the incidents.

*The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*, a documentary by Rob Epstein and Richard Smiechan, received an Oscar for Best Documentary of 1984 at the Academy Awards.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that an Oklahoma law prohibiting gay and lesbian teachers from speaking about homosexuality in the classroom was unconstitutional by a 4-4 vote.



### Terror on the 24; Outrage in the City

Gang Attacks Rider as Driver Ignores Trouble; Suspects Escape as Police Delay Dispatch

by Alan White

San Francisco's 24th Avenue has Saturday night (24) on Sunday (24) to come the night of a terror on the 24th Avenue. A car was hit by a gang of youths, one straight man was hit, a woman was hit, and the driver was killed. The car was hit by a gang of youths, one straight man was hit, a woman was hit, and the driver was killed. The car was hit by a gang of youths, one straight man was hit, a woman was hit, and the driver was killed.

### Alice Enraged At Top Demos

Politics Hath No Fury Like A Constituency Spurned

by Alan White

The power of the lesbian and gay community in the Democratic Party is starting to wane to the decision of National Executive Committee and its Party Chair, Paul Kirk, tooust the lesbian and gay caucus from the party. Monday night the Vice Chair, the Democratic Party's first lesbian, the first lesbian to be elected to the party, was ousted. The party's first lesbian, the first lesbian to be elected to the party, was ousted. The party's first lesbian, the first lesbian to be elected to the party, was ousted.

### Gays Lose, Nuclear Families Win in Reagan Tax Plan

by Morgan Pinney, CPA

Gay people will see less benefits from the tax reform measures now being promoted by the Reagan administration—unless they're rich. High income people will benefit most from the Reagan plan because the top tax rate has been slashed to 35 percent from the current 50 percent.

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### IN THIS ISSUE

WE LIKE IT HERE

Are you as tired of the bad news as we are? For the Freedom Day issue in two weeks, we want upbeat material to share with our out-of-town visitors. (The B.A.R. plans a \$5,000 prize to reach them all.)

Clothes at the downtown, our town is still the gay Mecca—the best place to live on earth for gays and other beautiful people. Can you tell the parade visitors why?

We publish reader essays up to 500 words in length—though the briefer, the better. The theme: We Like It Here. The deadline: Friday, June 21.

PAUL CASTRO, the cheerful Texan who put the "people" in People with AIDS, died this week. Bill Bradley provides a profile of Paul's brief but important reign in San Francisco on page 3.

BLOOD TESTS for the AIDS antibody are underway. On page 4, we report on a private clinic in San Francisco. On page 19, Mary Shaw reports on testing in San Mateo County.

JUST MARRIED, Mike Hippler was skeptical of gay nuptials, but his hard heart was softened by Vern and Ray. It's on the Off Beat on page 19.

# HAND IN HAND TOGETHER

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criminating after locking the committee out of their offices in 1983 following his change of mind about renting to them.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco paid an out-of-court settlement of \$2,500 rather than see Archbishop John Quinn testify about why he canceled the group's contract to perform at St. Boniface Church in the Tenderloin. In 1982 the Chorus received a \$5,000 settlement when Quinn refused to let the group sing at St. Ignatius Church.

## May

In the wake of the chaos concerning the Pride Foundation, 18th Street Services was closed when Pride, its parent agency, went out of business. City auditors were also were probing the alleged misappropriation of \$40,000 in funds from the drug treatment program in the Castro.

Assemblyman Art Agnos' bill, AB1, was dead for another year when Agnos withdrew the measure from a committee when it appeared doomed for defeat. A vote was never officially taken in the Labor Committee before Agnos withdrew it.

Six years after the White Night riots, two men, John Blackburn and Bobby Heacock, celebrated their sixth anniversary on the step of City Hall where they met during the riot. Their cake featured a sugar squad car going up in flames.

More than 1,000 complaints of excessive force were filed against the San Francisco Police Department between 1974 and 1982, according to a news analysis. Yet, in that eight-year period only 20 police officers accused of excessive force faced disciplinary action. Of that number, fewer than 10 received suspension of more than 10 days and not one of the officers was terminated, a report by attorney Tom Steele revealed. The disclosure came during the suit by Linda Symaco and two other women who were injured in a 1979 incident involving assaults on customers by off-duty police at Peg's Place, a Richmond District lesbian bar.

About 5,000 people attended the AIDS Candlelight Memorial March on Memorial Day.

## June

The California Legislature was set to spend \$25 million on AIDS, with another \$3.7 million for Medi-Cal. The budget would boost AIDS spending five-fold. Gov. Deukmejian had recommended \$11.9 million on AIDS spending.

AIDS testing was under way in San Francisco. Private testing was profiled at Sutter Medical Clinic.

After a barrage of homophobic and anti-gay harassment by a gang of youths on the 24 Divisadero Muni bus route, one straight man was beaten seriously and lay on the floor of the bus for an hour and a half until an ambulance arrived. When people complained of the harassment, the driver told them that they

could get off the bus if they didn't like it. Shortly afterward, six youths jumped Liam Kelleher, 22. Rudy Nothenberg, the head of the Public Utilities Commission, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that anti-gay taunts were not Muni's problem. Dianne Christensen cited studies that said 95 percent of anti-gay violence was preceded by such taunts. A police official called Nothenberg's dismissal of the problem and a recommendation that Muni supervisors be called instead of police to deal with problems passengers "bullshit."

Ralph K. Davies Medical Center and Hospital, the Castro's largest employer, rejected a proposal to include non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment. Most other major hospitals in the city had such a clause in union contracts.

Shareholders in Atlas Savings and Loan received bad news in June. The wonder kid of the banking world was expecting to report losses of more than \$1 million for the first half of 1985. Bad loans had eaten up reserves for loan losses.

District Attorney Arlo Smith swore out an arrest warrant for Megatone Recorder producer Marty Bleeman, who had raised \$14,000 for Gay Men's Health Crises through the sale of *Megamedley*, a record featuring Patrick Crowley's hit songs, but embezzled the funds.

Following testimony from community leaders, including B.A.R. Publisher Bob Ross, who excoriated PUC head Rudy Nothenberg for his comments regarding repeated anti-gay violence and harassment on the Muni Railway lines, Mayor Dianne Feinstein ordered Muni to instruct all drivers that anti-gay harassment and violence would not be tolerated and the police were to be called in all incidents, immediately.

Dr. Tim Wolfred, a member of the San Francisco Community College Board, was appointed head of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation on July 22.

## July

Larry Brinken, a gay employee of Southern Pacific, was denied funeral leave when his lover of 11 years, Richard Reich, died in 1982. Brinken's case went to trial in Superior Court in June.

San Franciscans Jack McCarty and Vic Amburgy were two hostages held by terrorists when their TWA flight from Greece to Rome was hijacked by Islamic terrorists. They were held 18 days in Beirut. The two were the subject of much concern in the gay community when the hijack occurred. Although the terrorists did not know the men were gay or lovers, it was immediately obvious to informed television viewers that the men, who were described as from the San Francisco area, had a certain style that seemed remarkably Castro Street.

San Francisco paid \$125,000 to a man who was injured

near 7th and Market during the White Night riots in May 1979. Jack Scott received the sum for injuries. His right leg was permanently paralyzed due to brain damage. Six years after the incident, he remained on crutches and was unable to work. The officer who beat Scott was never identified.

The week of July 25, movie star Rock Hudson was discovered to be close to death at the Pasteur Institute while receiving treatment for AIDS. Although his publicist said he had liver cancer, Paris doctors denied that he was being treated for cancer.

A month of free anonymous testing for the AIDS antibodies test at District Health Center One in the Castro indicated that 150 people a week were taking the blood test — but demand was lower than anticipated.

Lesbian Judge Mary Morgan and law school professor Roberta Achtenberg were the proud parents of Benjamin Alexander Morgan Achtenberg, who was born July 26 at Children's Hospital.

## August

An unused convent in the Castro would become a hospice for people with AIDS under a plan being discussed with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Hospice of San Francisco. An umbrella group called "Coming Home" was formed to work out the venture, which would turn the unused Most Holy Redeemer convent into the hospice.

Former *Wall Street Journal* writer Foster Winnans, an openly gay man, received 18 months in federal prison for insider trading. Winnans also had to perform 1,000 hours of community service and was fined \$5,000.

West Hollywood Mayor Valerie Terrigno was being investigated by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury for fraud and embezzlement related to her employment as director of Crossroads Counseling and Employment Agency.

The FBI and others agencies were also investigating the charges.

Joan Rivers comments that she would have to have assurances from a co-star that he didn't have AIDS before she would kiss him caused a furor among AIDS experts and gay activists. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation denounced her remarks as "inflammatory" and pointed out that AIDS was not transmittable through kissing.

The Association of California Life Insurance Cos. privately circulated a position paper among state legislators calling for the repeal of state laws guaranteeing the confidentiality of AIDS antibodies tests.

## September

Judge Ollie Marie Victoire was the target of a great deal of gay ire when she ruled that Southern Pacific did not discriminate against Larry Brinken when it refused him bereavement leave when his lover committed suicide in

## Bathhouse Chronology

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**October 1984** — The Committee to Preserve Our Sexual and Civil Liberties forms, spearheaded by Steve Cain, Vince Quackenbush and Randy Stallings, and calls for a public rally to protest the closure of bathhouses and sex clubs.

**December 1984** — Silverman resigns under pressure from the Feinstein administration and is replaced "temporarily" by Dr. David Werdegard, who headed the city's Health Department until August 1990. The first and most crucial phase of the closing of the baths in San Francisco ends. The only appropriate epilogue might be that "the other shoe" never dropped. Widespread predictions that baths and sex clubs all over America would be shut down by the hundreds failed to come to pass.

**1985** — Dubbed "The Great Panic of '85," the year sees an explosion of new developments surrounding AIDS: The armed forces institutes mandatory HIV testing of all new recruits, over half-a-million people annually; the Denver City Prison issues distinguishing gray uniforms to all gay prisoners; the city Health Department becomes so backlogged with press inquiries that a new position — public information officer — has to be created.

**January 1985** — City advisory committees in Los Angeles and San Diego urge that health officials there not follow San Francisco's example in closing the gay bathhouses.

**January 1985** — After months of Reagan administration foot-dragging, the FDA finally announces a target date for releasing an AIDS antibody blood test that would help keep the virus out of the nation's blood banks and give early warning of exposure to the virus. Activists and AIDS researchers alike, however, have already raised serious questions about the accuracy and reliability of the test and expressed great concerns over confidentiality of test results. Dr. Robert Gallo, for example, says the test might miss detecting between 5 percent and 30 percent of those infected partly because of the delay between the time of infection and the time it takes to produce antibodies.

**Jan. 28** — A request before the city's Civil Service Commission and the Health Commission for approval of a \$10,000 contract for private investigators to monitor gay bathhouses and sex clubs draws stiff opposition from Mobilization Against AIDS and the Committee

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1981. She said that gays should seek state legislative remedies.

On Sept. 17, five years into the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan uttered the word AIDS. Reagan made the reference when asked about schoolchildren with AIDS and responded by saying he believed they should be kept out of school and defended his administration's AIDS budget.

## October

On Oct. 2, actor Rock Hudson died of AIDS. The week before his death he donated \$250,000 to a new national AIDS Foundation formed by his friend actress Elizabeth Taylor.

A Sacramento Municipal Court judge ordered Jerry Falwell to pay \$5,000 to the Rev. Jerry Sloan, a Sacramento minister. Sloan charged that Falwell slandered him when he said that MCC was a "vile and satanic" system. Falwell denied making the statements and promised Sloan \$5,000 if he could produce a tape. Sloan produced the tape, but Falwell wouldn't pay him. Sloan took him to court and the judge made Falwell pony up.

Tony Sullivan lost his 10-year battle to stay in the United States when a federal Court of Appeals ruled that he must be deported after being denied permanent alien status. The court refused to recognize the legitimacy of his 12-year relationship with his lover, Richard Adams.

On Oct. 21, Dan White, who assassinated Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone on Nov. 27, 1978, committed suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning. White, 39, had been released

from parole nine months earlier after a 5-1/2 year prison term for the slayings.

## November

The ARC AIDS Vigil, begun as a protest when Frank Burt and Steve Russell chained themselves to the doors of the Old Federal Building in October, entered its third week.

On Nov. 5, a bill outlawing bias against people with AIDS or AIDS-related conditions and outlawing mandatory testing for AIDS antibodies was passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and sent to the mayor.

A jury was empaneled in the trial of four Vallejo men accused of killing John O'Connell, a gay man, in a gay bashing incident on Polk Street. The only openly gay man removed from the jury was unseated by the defense for the bashers.

The Valencia Rose, a cabaret that gave birth to many gay and lesbian talents, closed its doors on Nov. 30.

## December

A friend of one of the four Vallejo men who killed John O'Connell on Polk Street in July 1984 testified that her friends attacked O'Connell because he was gay. The men came to San Francisco with the intention of fag bashing, the woman told the jury.

A lease was signed for the Coming Home Hospice, planned for the Castro area. The Castro Lions Club pledged a fundraising drive to raise at least \$10,000 for the project, at the site of the former convent of Holy Redeemer Church. ▼



# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1986: 3,500 Participate in Games, Gays Mobilize Against Prop. 64

by Dennis Conkin

January

The Los Angeles Gay Chorus sued the Western District of the American Choral Association after the group refused to let the gay chorus perform at its annual meeting unless it changed its name.

The National Gay Rights Task Force Fund for Human Dignity received \$10,000 from the American Telephone and Telegraph Foundation. Started in 1972, the FHD sponsored a crisis line that provided information, referral and counseling for lesbians and gays.

Open Hand, a meal service, announced that it offered a daily sack lunch and a hot entree free of cost for people with AIDS.

The California Department of Health urged quarantine for AIDS patients who posed a threat to the public health.

Gov. Booth Gardner of Washington signed a bill that prohibited discrimination against lesbians and gay men in employment and housing.

Christopher Isherwood, 81, died of prostate cancer at his Santa Monica home. Isherwood, author of *Goodbye to Berlin*, *A Single Man* and *Down There On A Visit*, was survived by Don Bachardy, his lover of 33 years.

Frank Jordan, 50, a 28-year-veteran of the San Francisco Police Department, was chosen to succeed Chief of Police Cornelius Murphy, who was retiring.

Several members of the Police Commission, including lesbian Jo Daly and Tom Hsieh, announced their resignations in the wake of the announcement of Jordan's appointment by Mayor Dianne Feinstein. Daly, who was unpopular with lesbians and gays, was a political albatross for Feinstein, and Hsieh was expected to run for a seat on the Board of Supervisors.

The Rev. Billy Graham told a group of religion reporters in Washington that he did not believe that AIDS was the wrath of God, but rather a serious disease that needed a cure.

Gay activist Bill Kraus, who managed the 1978 campaign against the Briggs initiative and was an aide to former Supervisor Harvey Milk and U.S. Reps. Phil and Sala Burton, died of AIDS on Jan. 11.

The San Francisco Health Commission recommended a ban on the public use of "poppers" in gay discos and bathhouses. A report, also urging that the containers be labeled as hazardous, was sent to the Board of Supervisors by a unanimous vote.

The three Vallejo men who killed John O'Connell in a random attack on Polk Street in July 1984 were sentenced to 15 years to life for

second degree murder in the slaying. Timothy White, 23, David Rogers, 21, and Donald Clanton, 21, also received seven-year sentences for assaulting three other gay men during the bashing spree.

Marty Blechman, president of Megatone Records, was given a six-month suspended sentence, ordered to make restitution and pay a \$4,000 fine after a judge ruled that he had solicited funds for an AIDS charity with a record sale but had failed to turn the \$14,000 in funds raised over to the NY-based Gay Men's Health Crises.

The Pride Foundation was sued for \$2 million by the City and County of San Francisco in a civil fraud and breach of contract complaint. The Foundation alleged that



Christopher Isherwood

community block grant funds meant for a construction firm were diverted for personal use.

Rock Hudson's lover, Marc Christian, 32, filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the Hudson estate, saying that Hudson lied about his health and told him that he didn't have AIDS.

Tom Stoddard, legislative director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, was named director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights legal group.

Concern grew in the gay community over the suspicious death of Tim Lee, a black gay man who was found hanging from a tree near the Concord BART Station. Although police ruled the death a suicide, the FBI entered the case.

Sen. Milton Marks switched political parties. The Republican became a Democrat.

A \$4.3 million study by Dr. Warren Winkelstein for the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases of 1,035 gay men in a two-mile radius of Castro and Market revealed that half of the men had tested positive for HTLV III antibodies and another one-fourth of the men were believed to be infected with the virus.

February

An attempt to repeal

AB403, which made AIDS antibodies test results confidential under state law, was defeated.

About 1,700 people had been diagnosed with AIDS in San Francisco in the four-year period ending February 1986; 98 percent of those diagnosed were gay men.

Two Canadian doctors announced that they did not believe that oral sex caused AIDS, indicating they believed that stomach acid killed the virus in semen injected during oral sex.

National Gay Rights Advocates attorney Leonard Graff announced the group had filed an amicus brief in *Georgia v. Hardwick*. The court agreed to hear arguments challenging the constitutionality of Georgia sodomy laws. The case involved a Georgia man who was arrested for sodomy by a policeman who entered his house to serve an arrest warrant for a misdemeanor and found Hardwick engaged in sodomy with a man. The penalty for sodomy in Georgia was 10 years in jail.

Gay members of the Sierra Club received permission to start a special interest group in the membership club. The group was called Gay Sierrans.

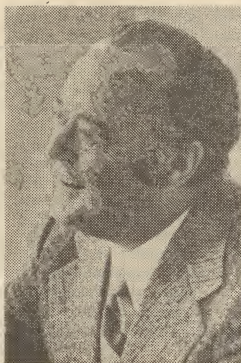
Myra Sheehan, a lesbian police officer fired from her post at San Francisco State University, received more than \$200,000 from a jury for damages related to her wrongful termination.

A \$12 million study funded by the Department of Defense that allegedly intended to prove that the AIDS virus was casually transmitted and would develop a strategy to identify and isolate military personnel infected with the virus was under fire following a *Bay Area Reporter* report. The funds went to the Institute for Cancer Research, which was affiliated with Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, and another group. PPMC promptly disaffiliated itself with the study and canceled Dr. Daniel Thor's consulting privileges at the facility. Thor, head of the Institute, was also a member of the Christian Medical Society's House of Delegates.

A study by the National Institute of Health indicated that AZT halted viral replication in a small group of patients studied.

Project Inform announced it was running underground studies of Ribavirin and Isoprinosine, two AIDS drugs. The studies included blood work and medical observation by a team of physicians; 120 people were in the study.

The United States Air Force announced that HTLV III test results of Air Force personnel and their families were confidential and that no serviceman would be discharged because of a positive



Milton Marks

test result.

March

Widespread use of the HTLV III test as a diagnostic tool for AIDS was expected to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The test was widely believed to be an indicator of whether a person would develop AIDS.

The San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade was having difficulty finding an insurer. Thirty insurance companies had refused to insure any parades, according to the city's chief administrative officer.

The regional director of the Civil Rights Office of the federal Department of Health and Human Services resigned when a flap arose in the HHS about whether people with AIDS were covered under the 1973 disabilities act. Hal Freeman, 49, believed they were. The HHS said they weren't.

A Colorado State AIDS bill proposed quarantine for people with AIDS and required mandatory testing. A Michigan bill required contact tracing of the sex partners of people who were seropositive.

The U.S. Postal Service apologized to the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club after the club's explicit "Can We Talk" brochure about safe-sex techniques and precaution was returned to them when a Caribou, Alaska, postmaster illegally deemed it obscene.

Celebrity Joan Collins appeared at a Castro Theatre benefit for the Cable Car Awards.

National Gay Rights Advocates sued two insurance companies for refusing to pay medical benefits for two people with AIDS. Great Republic and Blue Cross claimed that the illnesses constituted pre-existing conditions.

Another suit filed by NGR and Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom alleged that the Munich Reassurance Co. practiced red-lining because it prohibited "high-risk single men" living in gay neighborhoods in urban centers from buying insurance.

Valerie Terrigno was convicted in early March of embezzling \$7,140 in federal funds earmarked for the Crossroads Employment and Counseling Center, a West Hollywood gay group, while she was executive director. The lesbian mayor of West Hollywood was sentenced to



Valerie Terrigno

30 days in a community treatment facility, pay restitution of \$6,800 and perform 1,000 hours of community service.

A Public Health Service recommendation that all gay men take the HTLV III test was condemned by gay leaders who said there were no safeguards or protections of confidentiality. AIDS activists advised only that anonymous AIDS antibodies tests be taken.

April

A PBSTV documentary on Fabian Bridges, an impoverished, black, gay man with AIDS, alleged that Bridges knowingly spread AIDS as a homosexual prostitute after he was diagnosed. In the furor over the salacious and sensational documentary — and its advertising campaign — KQED was picketed by gay activists. A boycott of the station was called in what seemed to be the last straw in years of strained relations between gays and the station. An FCC hearing concerning a challenge to the license of one of the station's satellites, KQEC Channel 32, was scheduled for May.

The director of the state Health Department urged the mandatory testing of people suspected of infection with HTLV III when there was a public health need and also urged reporting of names and results of people tested to the department.

President Reagan expressed his opinions about gay rights and gay teachers in an interview with reporters. Reagan voiced his concerns that lesbian and gay teachers would use the classroom to proselytize for the homosexual lifestyle and said that he wasn't in favor of discrimination against gays or lesbians.

New York City passed a gay rights ordinance after a 15-year battle.

The LaRouche initiative, which would have required mandatory testing and quarantine of people with AIDS, had 393,000 signatures and was headed for the November general election ballot in California.

Celebrity thief and author Jean Genet died of throat cancer in Paris at the age of 75. Author of *Our Lady of the Flowers*, *Funeral Rites* and *The Miracle of the Rose*, Genet was awarded the French Grand Prix in literature in 1983.

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## Health Panel Recommends Ban on Public Poppers Use

Inhalants Called Co-factor in Development of AIDS

by Charles Lineberger

The San Francisco Health Commission on June 7 endorsed a ban on the use of poppers, found and listed in the public places such as bars and bathhouses. The decision came after testimony from local health officials and a recent report published in the journal *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In 1982, a bill was passed by the Board of Supervisors prohibiting the sale of any inhalant to minors and requiring a warning, said Dr. Dean B. Henderson, director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control of the San Francisco Department of Public Health. "Since that time, more information has been discovered. In some cases, more recent findings indicate that the use of poppers in the development of Kaposi's sarcoma after inhalation in the AIDS virus has been confirmed. This may also help to help the infection with the AIDS virus," said Henderson.

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Mayor Diane Feinstein turns the southern over to Elizabeth Taylor Tuesday at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. Taylor addressed the American Foundation for AIDS Research and announced a plan to fund for (Photo: Mike Hickey)

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## O'Connell Killers Get 15-To-Life Judge Says Vallejo Four Deserve No Compassion

by Gregory Douthett

Three young Vallejo men have been sentenced to serve from 15 years to life in state prison for the beating death of John O'Connell. The three were also sentenced to serve years each for assaults on three other San Francisco men. A fourth Vallejo man was sentenced to seven years in prison for the other assaults.

Thomson, White, 25; David Rogers, 21; and Donald Clanton, 21, were convicted of second-degree murder for the July 1981 assault on O'Connell, 42, near Polk Street, Douglas Harr, 21, was acquitted in the killing.  
Superior Court Judge Edward Stern said the four were entitled to "no mercy" and "no sympathy."

## AIDS Claims Bill Kraus

Veteran Activist Praised for  
Dedication to Gay, Progressive Causes

by Wayne Friday

Gay political leader Bill Kraus died of AIDS Saturday, June 11, while hospitalized at UCSF. During his decade of political activism, Kraus served two terms as president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club, as manager of the San Francisco campaign against the 1978 Briggs Initiative, as campaign manager for San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, and as administrative aide to Bill and L. N. Reps. Phillip and Sally Burton.

Bill Kraus combined a deep political activism, a vibrant personal commitment to social change, with a steadfast belief in the

More than 400 people attended a gay forum in which people from the lesbian and gay community brought their grievances to KQED's community advisory panel. Only three of the panel's 14 members were present. Station Manager Tony Tiano said that MonitorRadio would remain on the air and defended his decision to air the controversial PBS documentary about Fabian Bridges.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 30 that states had the right to regulate private sexual conduct between consenting adults and upheld the sodomy conviction of a Georgia man.

More than 250,000 people participated in the annual Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 29.

July  
Atlas Savings and Loan, the five-year-old gay savings and loan association, was taken over by Empire of New York, just 24 hours after bank examiners had shut Atlas' doors because of insolvency.

whose parents denied their daughter was a lesbian or had been in a relationship with Thompson.  
Lesbian activist Carole Migden became the first openly gay chair of the San Francisco Democratic Central Committee.

AB3667, which would have outlawed discrimination against people with AIDS, was vetoed by Gov. George Deukmejian.

New Zealand's sodomy laws were repealed and extensive protections against discrimination for lesbians and gays were enacted.

## August

A San Francisco man with Kaposi's sarcoma announced plans to sue Delta Airlines for the humiliation and emotional distress he received when he was kicked off a plane in Atlanta because of his condition. The airline apologized and said it would educate its staff about AIDS.

More than 15,000 people gathered at Kezar Stadium for the opening of Gay Games II, a weeklong athletic fete drawing almost 3,500 lesbian and gay athletes from around the world.

## September

The Department of Justice was ordered by a Northern California judge to allow MCC patrons into all federal prisons around the country to provide religious services.

A San Francisco Superior Court judge rejected the claims of Great Republic Life Insurance Co. that anti-gay discrimination was not protected by the state Unruh Civil Rights Act or the local Human Rights Ordinance. The firm had tried to dismiss a discrimination suit against it for refusing to provide health insurance to gay men.

Breaking months of silence, Gov. George Deukmejian said that he opposed the LaRouche Initiative as unwarranted and unnecessary.

The U.S. Senate voted 83-2 to give the National Cancer Institute \$40 million to provide AZT to thousands of people with AIDS.

The House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice was scheduled to hold the first congressional hearings on anti-gay violence around the country.

## October

Gov. Deukmejian vetoed an Assembly bill that would have extended civil rights protections to people with AIDS. It was the second veto of anti-AIDS bias measures in two months by Deukmejian.

U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop announced that he did not believe compulsory blood testing for AIDS was necessary and that AIDS was not transmissible by casual contact.

President Reagan signed the fiscal budget for 1987, which called for a 75 percent increase in AIDS funding for total AIDS spending of \$410 million. He had originally requested \$213 million, a decrease over fiscal '86 spending.

The ex-wife of a Chicago gay father formally withdrew

the demand that he receive an AIDS antibody test before being allowed to visit his children.

Burt Reynolds again denied that he was suffering from AIDS. The actor's manager said that the rumors were harmful and they planned to seek legal action against whoever was spreading them.

## November

The LaRouche initiative was trounced by a 4-1 margin in the general election. Alan Cranston was re-elected to the Senate. California State Supreme Court Justice Rose Bird was not reconfirmed as the head of the court.

Nancy Walker became the president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Bill Maher, Richard Hongisto and Doris Ward were re-elected. Lesbian Pat Norman lost a second bid for a seat on the board.

The head of the Inquisition, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, issued a missive saying that homosexual sex acts were an intrinsic moral evil and that gay people had no claim to civil rights protections for them. The directive ordered all bishops to withdraw support for pro-gay organizations such as Dignity.

The Rev. John McNeill, 61, was expelled from the Roman Catholic Society of Jesus religious order. McNeill had been silenced in 1977 for his pro-gay views, but the order expelled him after he broke that silence and talked about the moral position of the church regarding gay rights. McNeill said he must follow his conscience and continue his ministry.

\$150,000 in city hotel tax funds for KQED-TV were at stake when Supervisor John Molinari scheduled public hearings to determine whether the station violated local anti-gay bias laws. If the supervisors ruled there was bias, the funds would be pulled from the station.

About 700 of the 1,300 people with AIDS in San Francisco would be eligible to receive AZT, Dr. Paul Volberding announced.

William Horner, 32, would be financially secure for the rest of his life following an out of court settlement in an NGR suit against Great Republic Life Insurance Co. The company had denied Horner a medical claim in 1985, claiming that he had concealed a pre-AIDS condition.

Brent Nicholson-Earle completed a 10,000 mile run across the country to raise funds for AIDS research and education. On Thanksgiving Day he was escorted across the Golden Gate Bridge by members of FrontRunners, a gay jogging club, and members of two gay motorcycle groups.

## December

Pacific Bell settled an 11-year-old suit brought against it by gay men who were victims of the company's anti-gay hiring bias. The \$3 million settlement ended Gay Law Students vs. Pacific Bell, the largest and longest running gay job discrimination suit in history.



# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1987: Pelosi Defeats Britt, Agnos Becomes Mayor in Runoff

by Dennis Conkin

### January

The shadow cast by Proposition 64 had lifted with the defeat of the initiative in the November elections, and by January, a good deal of the attention of San Francisco's lesbian and gay community was refocused on local battles.

Tony Tiano, general manager of KQED, Channel 9, had requested a meeting with gay leaders in order to stave off hearings about the PBS station's public funding. However, Tiano acknowledged that there were no changes planned regarding MonitoRadio, and he had no comment on whether the station would add more gay programming or seek lesbian and gay representation for its board of directors.

Citizens for Medical Justice, a group that held a sit-in in Gov. George Deukmejian's office in 1986, threw up a picket line and called for a boycott of Empire of America, which took over gay-owned Atlas Savings and Loan on Castro Street. The reason for the boycott: Empire no longer allowed AIDS information brochures or gay community information on a literature table inside its offices. Empire later said that AIDS literature was OK, but that it was "against corporate policy" to allow gay newspapers to use the site as a distribution point.

Supervisor Harry Britt introduced legislation to the Board of Supervisors proposing to remove the city from any efforts to bring the 1996 Olympics to San Francisco until and unless the International Olympic Committee and the U.S. Olympic Committee authorized the use of the title Gay Olympics by organizers of Gay Games for all future events.

Terry Dolan, head of the National Conservative Political Action Committee and friend of the Rev. Jerry Falwell and Sen. Jesse Helms, died of AIDS. NPAC raised \$7.5 million in 1979-80 to fight gay rights and liberal politicians.

The Canadian province of Ontario gave final approval to a bill adding sexual orientation to its civil rights code. Quebec had passed such a measure nine years earlier.

Supervisor Harry Britt was battling Nancy Pelosi for a congressional seat made vacant by the death of Sala Burton.

The city of Concord voted in February to eliminate all references to gays in civil rights language used by the Human Rights Commission. Mayor Ron Mullin also called a planned gay pride event in June "inappropriate."

### February

KQED cancelled a meet-

ing with gay community representatives and Supervisors Harry Britt and John Molinari, after a dispute with comedian Danny Williams. Comedy Tonight producer Frank Zamacona saw William's 40-minute set at the Baybrick Inn and told him he liked it and wanted to see him perform at the Punch Line to see how a straight audience reacted to his routine, Williams said. Yet, Zamacona told Williams to leave out gay material. Williams did and after the show Zamacona told him that he should have done his gay material and felt that Williams didn't have enough experience. The exclusion of lesbian and gay comics and material on the show had been a sore point in the community for years.

A six-month study of the drug Ribivarin had shown it to be effective in slowing the development of AIDS in a group of gay men infected with HIV, according to a January article. Researchers wanted the clinical studies of the drug expanded to more people.

The Vatican's anti-gay stance led to threats of a major confrontation if Pope John Paul II made a planned papal visit in the fall. Gay rights attorney John Wahl threatened a lawsuit, saying the city's Human Rights Ordinance forbade the city from contracting with organizations on the basis of sexual orientation.

In the typical imperious fashion of the office of bishop, the Right Rev. William Swing lambasted Integrity, a group of gay Episcopalians, and said that he was ending any dialogue about a rite for same-sex blessings. In his statement to Integrity, Swing, who previously opposed domestic partners legislation, said that Integrity's letter to the *Bay Area Reporter* complaining of the bishops' leadership was "appalling."

Assemblyman Art Agnos unveiled AB 87, a comprehensive AIDS-care bill that called for a state AIDS commission and massive funding for AIDS research and care. Agnos also arranged for Surgeon General C. Everett Koop to address a joint legislative session about the AIDS epidemic.

More than 60 national lesbian and gay activists met in Los Angeles to solidify plans for the National March on Washington scheduled for October.

### February

Comedian and entertainer Robin Tyler's \$10 million suit against the city for throwing the Women's Music Festival out of Camp Mather, a city owned campsite in Tuolumne County, was close to settlement in February.

A plan for quarantining persons suspected of willingly spreading AIDS was under

discussion by the California Conference of Local Health Officers. The plan called for developing strict isolation facilities and targeted people with HIV infection.

United Way of California gave \$50,000 to be split among 10 gay groups as a special one-time grant following discussions with AIDS and lesbian and gay activists about the agency's failure to respond to community needs.

Following discussions with gay activists, KQED-TV agreed to write a letter to MonitoRadio, a program of the Christian Science Publishing Co., about its anti-gay hiring policies. The station would promise no gay programming and offered to recommend a gay or lesbian as a candidate on its board of directors slate.

Liberace died of AIDS. According to a coroner's report, there was a cover-up in the singer's death of AIDS because it was listed as cardiac arrest. According to a report, Liberace knew he had been sick with HIV infection for more than a year and a half. The singer had denied he was gay for more than three decades.

The AIDS Emergency Fund, founded in 1982, was disbursing more than \$25,000 a month to people with AIDS. The projected annual budget for 1987 was \$300,000.

The California Fair Employment and Housing Commission ordered Raytheon Corp., a silicon valley firm, to pay the estate of John Chadbourne \$6,000. AIDS was a protected handicap under California law and the firm had fired Chadbourne because he had the disease.

Homicide inspectors were investigating a double slaying in a South of Market apartment complex. Ronaldo Ricardo de Ellis brought home a man he met, called 911 and said that someone was trying to kill him. When police arrived at the scene, De Ellis and another man, both nude, were dead of multiple stab wounds. The men had killed each other.

Cleve Jones, a former aide to Supervisor Harvey Milk, Speaker of the Assembly Leo McCarthy, Assemblymen Willie Brown and Art Agnos, announced his candidacy for supervisor two years before the election. Jones had just begun the Names Project.

Assemblyman Art Agnos was censured by the Stonewall Democratic Club for an attempt to close down the 16-month-old ARC/AIDS Vigil. Agnos asked the vigil to accept him as an advocate for the vigil, and promised to bring Surgeon General Koop for a visit if they did. Agnos then asked that the vigilers "be able to move at once" to another site to continue the vigil. Vigilers said Agnos had never been to the site, and



were not impressed with the offer to meet Koop. They said would not move. Stonewall members said that Agnos was politicking for votes for mayor, a charge Larry Bush, an Agnos aide, denied.

A man arrested for public sex at the Marina Yacht Club in December jumped to his death from the Golden Gate Bridge in March.

Nancy Stoller Shaw, a UC-Santa Cruz professor, settled her discrimination case with a settlement of \$156,000 and tenure. The lesbian sociologist was also given a year sabbatical at full pay after a group of UC administrators ruled she should have been given tenure. The Federal Equal Opportunity Commission had previously ruled that she was denied the tenure partly due to sex discrimination.

John Molinari formally announced he was a candidate for mayor against Art Agnos.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on March 24 in the five-year-old "Gay Olympics" case.

The California Medical Association attacked the state AIDS confidentiality law and wanted to remove restrictions requiring a patient's consent before the release of AIDS test results.

### March

The FDA licensed AZT as the nation's first prescribed drug for treating AIDS. AIDS patients immediately expressed concerns that the drug would be priced far out of reach. It was unclear whether Medi-Cal or private insurers would pay for the drug.

### April

Lame duck Mayor Dianne Feinstein was asked to appoint a gay or lesbian to the Board of Education after a member resigned due to a conflict of interest.

Well-known AIDS activist Bobbie Reynolds died on March 27 after a five-year battle with the disease. Reynolds was a participant in the first AIDS Candlelight March in May 1983.

Harry Britt was defeated in a run-off by Nancy Pelosi for

the 5th Congressional Seat vacated by the death of Sala Burton. Pelosi would face Republican Harriet Ross.

The Harvey Milk Club endorsed Art Agnos for mayor in April. The *Bay Area Reporter* ran a large photo of Milk surrounded in a black border with an epitaph that read: "The Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, Gay Liberation and Democracy died here, April 28, 1987, Rest In Pieces, Harvey."

The price for AZT skyrocketed with the news that it would be widely available following approval by the FDA. The price of the drug had increased 20 percent in one week to \$226 for one week's supply of the drug.

Tom Brougham was elected to a seat on the Peralta College Board in Alameda County.

A gay man charged with biting a San Diego police officer during the 1986 Gay Pride Day festivities could not have his blood tested for AIDS antibodies, a court of appeals ruled. But Brian Barlow faced charges of assault in the incident. Barlow's blood had been already forcibly drawn but the court ruled the test results could not be revealed without his consent.

In May six activists from the Citizens for Medical Justice were arrested at the Federal Building for protesting against a new Labor Department ruling that required forced AIDS antibody testing of Job Corp applicants.

Liam Kellher settled a suit against the city for the brutal beating he received in 1985 on a Muni bus. A gang of youths called Kellher, a heterosexual man, a "faggot" and beat him severely. His original suit had demanded \$2.5 million.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein presented a \$17 million AIDS budget for fiscal year 1988 to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, an increase of \$4.3 million from 1987.

About 5,000 people marched in the annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial March. June

More than 60 people were arrested in a sit-in outside the

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White House in protest over the federal government's inadequate response to the AIDS epidemic. Those arrested included national lesbian, gay and AIDS activist leaders including Leonard Matlovich and Paul Boneberg of Mobilization Against AIDS.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco was hit with a \$5 million lawsuit after it annulled the 25-year marriage of a Catholic couple because the husband was gay. John Buxton filed the invasion of privacy suit. Buxton had several gay experiences prior to marriage, but had been totally monogamous during the relationship. He separated from his wife and lived as a gay man. He had two children during the marriage. The separation was not related to sexuality, but the church said that the marriage had been invalid from the beginning.

The California Department of Employment demanded an audit of the Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee after it was learned the group had failed to pay employee payroll taxes for four years. The state tax collector placed an \$11,021 lien on the group for not paying four years of sales taxes.

Lubraseptic, a personal lubricant, was ordered removed from the market after the FDA decided that ads that insinuated it prevented sexually transmitted diseases were not true.

All San Francisco high schools were to have designated gay sensitive staff available for the beginning of the school term in September and anti-gay slurs were officially prohibited by students, according to a June report.

The Army announced it had agreed to give an unused 350-bed Richmond district hospital to the U.S. Public Health Service, which would turn it over to the San Francisco Department of Public Health for use as an AIDS treatment facility.

Former President of Stonewall Democratic Club Gerry Parker died of AIDS in June at 38.

The City paid a claim of \$53,000 to Bruce Lindberg as compensation for the beating and emotional damages he suffered from former San Francisco police officers Nial Philpott and Scott Quinn in 1984. The officers were dismissed from the force and convicted of felony kidnapping and assault charges for dragging Lindberg off a city bus, taking him to the isolated Muni repair yard and beating him senseless. His crime: Lindberg had flashed the two a thumbs up sign from a Muni bus.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Olympic Committee had the exclusive right to use the word Olympics by a 5-4 vote, a defeat for the Gay Games.

## July

United Way gave \$300,000 a piece to Shanti and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Sixteen-year-old Brian Batey's future was in the hands of a San Diego judge after his father, Frank Batey,

died of AIDS. Batey's mother was expected to petition for full guardianship, but Craig Corbett, Frank Batey's lover, said he would ask the judge to grant him guardianship if the teen-ager wanted it. He had lived with the gay men for two years. He had been kidnapped in 1982 by his mother, a fundamentalist Christian and hidden for 19 months in a bitter fight after a court had awarded his father custody.

Dr. Tom Waddell, former Olympic decathlon star and founder of the Gay Games, died of AIDS in July at 49.

## August

The U.S. Department of Justice decided not to prosecute KPFA Radio for violation of obscenity statutes for broadcasting *Jerker*, a play by Robert Chesley that featured two men talking about sex. FCC regulations at the time only prohibited broadcast restrictions on material played before 10 p.m. Excerpts from *Jerker* broadcast after the 10 p.m. cutoff were immune from prosecution unless they used the seven forbidden words.

Dr. Don Francis, a Centers for Disease Control official, said that routine testing for AIDS was inevitable and that he wanted to have every infected person identified. He also wanted sex partners of HIV-infected individuals identified and said that opposition to such plans "was bullshit." Francis' remarks were criticized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

A straight man visiting San Francisco was stabbed to death by an assailant in an apparently unprovoked attack. William Safian, 21, was stabbed to death by Paolo Imeri on 11th and Folsom streets. Imeri stabbed Safian after calling him a "faggot."

The first meeting of AIDS Action Pledge, a new AIDS activist organization, was held at the Women's Building on Aug. 27. The group pledged to use non-violent civil disobedience action as well as legal demonstrations, education efforts and lobbying to exert pressure on the government, drug, insurance companies and the medical establishment to meet the needs of people with AIDS. The group was the forerunner of ACT UP.

The Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf celebrated its 10th anniversary. The gay and lesbian group held a national convention in Fort Lauderdale.

The city agreed to waive the rent for a papal Mass at Candlestick Park. In return, the Archdiocese of San Francisco agreed to donate the tarp used to cover the ground of the ball park while Pope John Paul II said Mass. The city also waived anti-discrimination clauses in contracts required to lease the site. Gay activists expressed outrage over both actions.

The FDA announced that it approved human tests of an AIDS vaccine. Sixty gay volunteers who were HIV-negative would be given the vaccine at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland.

A Superior Court jury decided that the War Memorial

Board of Trustees didn't commit anti-gay job bias when it fired Michael Raines from his post as executive director of the agency in 1980. Two previous juries had deadlocked over the issue.

A plan to berth the USS Missouri in San Francisco was under fire by activists. Supervisor Harry Britt persuaded mayoral candidate John Molinari to withdraw a proposed agreement with the Navy to berth the ship at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. The board postponed action for two weeks after Britt said there were no adequate protections for civilian lesbians and gays who would be working on the ship.

## September

City paramedics said that a gay man with an ARC diagnoses was faking breathing difficulties and declined to take him to San Francisco General Hospital. The man was diagnosed with pneumocystis pneumonia and died six days later. The city promised an investigation into the incident. A new initiative proposing AIDS quarantine for carriers of the HIV virus was proposed by Lyndon LaRouche.

The state of Minnesota charged Northwestern Airlines with discriminating against people with AIDS after two cases where the airline declined to fly PWAs. The airline announced that it changed its policy and would fly PWAs without restriction.

The half a million people predicted to line the streets when Pope John Paul II came to town never materialized. An estimated 50,000 cheered the pontiff as he waved blessings from his pope-mobile. About 60 PWAs attended a crowded service with the pope at Mission Dolores on Sept. 17. The Secret Service confiscated four rubbers from AIDS activist Dan Turner because they were concerned he might toss them at the pope during the service. Thousands of protesters outside voiced criticism of the Roman Catholic Church and the need for separation of church and state. The next day the pope celebrated the papal Mass at Candlestick Park.

## October

Mayor Dianne Feinstein urged the city Health Department to expand its anonymous antibodies testing programs and make the testing mandatory in some cases, including prisoners, marriage license applicants, venereal disease clinics and family planning, drug and abortion clinics as well as for any person undergoing surgery.

About 500,000 lesbians and gays marched on Washington. It was the largest demonstration at the Capitol since the 1963 Poor People's March. On Oct. 13, 5,000 people protested at the Supreme Court over the 1986 decision to uphold the Georgia sodomy laws; 840 were arrested.

The federal government banned funds for gay-related AIDS education that promoted, encouraged or condoned homosexual activities. The

Helms amendment to an AIDS appropriation bill passed the House a week after passing the Senate, guaranteeing the measure would become law. The state AIDS Office had banned explicit AIDS education information including wallet-sized safe-sex guidelines detailing sex acts and their relative risk for HIV infection.

## November

Supervisor John Molinari and Assemblyman Art Agnos faced a runoff for the post of mayor after a long and vicious campaign. Agnos had 48.2 percent of the vote, Molinari had 34.9 and Roger Boas had 21.7 percent. Warren Hinckle had 2.8 percent.

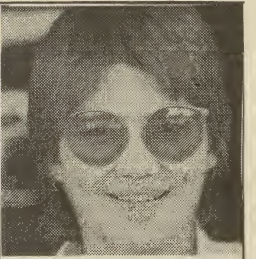
A gay man with AIDS dementia complex who became confused and wandered away from his Shanti residence was found five days later in a ditch near Market Street. Rushed to a hospital, the man died 40 minutes later.

Sen. Alan Cranston was censured by the California Democratic Council for supporting the Helms amendment, which banned sexually explicit AIDS information or AIDS information that promoted, encouraged or condoned gay sexual acts.

About 600 women met for the first Lesbian Political Action Conference. Sponsored by Lesbian Agenda for Action, the historic gathering set an agenda to deal with discrimination against lesbians and the need for more political representation.

Community United Against Violence Executive Director Dianne Christiansen announced that she was resigning her post effective January

after five CUAV staff members resigned from the agency saying she was abusive and the board not interested in working conditions at the agency. Christiansen had directed the agency for six years.



Dianne Christiansen

## December

Project Inform released its Ribavirin and Isoprinidine survey that indicated the drugs seemed to help with AIDS. It planned to study DCNB next.

Assemblyman Art Agnos won a landslide against John Molinari with 70 percent of the vote in a low turnout election where only 40 percent of all registered voters made it to the polls.

The story of Artie Wallace, a gay man with AIDS, surfaced shortly before the holiday season. Wallace's son Sean, 9, was kidnapped by his mother Julia following a bitter custody dispute. An all-points bulletin was issued for the mother and child.

Yet another AIDS initiative declaring AIDS a contagious disease and requiring testing and quarantine, appeared likely to go before voters, courtesy of Lyndon LaRouche, despite the defeat of Proposition 64 a year before. ▼

## Bathhouse Chronology

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to Preserve Our Sexual Civil Liberties. Gay attorney John Wahl, a member of both groups, points out to both commissions that there was nothing in Judge Roy Wonder's bathhouse injunction calling for undercover surveillance.

**March 1985** — AIDS antibody blood tests are made available to blood banks around the country and the screening process of the nation's blood supply begins.

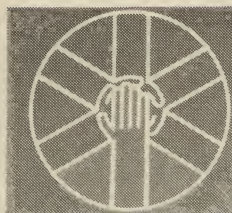
**October 1985** — U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton) introduces a string of bills in the House that would require cities to close all bathhouses frequented by gay men in order to remain eligible for federal revenue-sharing programs.

**March 1986** — Judge Roy Wonder, ruling on a complaint from the City Attorney's Office, concluded that two gay sex clubs, The Slot and Animals, had abused their "hotel exemptions" to a 1984 court order preventing the clubs from renting private rooms to patrons and ordered their permits revoked. The move effectively closed down the two popular South of Market establishments.

**May 1987** — An agreement reached between the city and owners of the 21st Street Baths and approved by Judge Roy L. Wonder on May 6, allowed owners to close their facility to avoid criminal prosecution. The agreement also prohibited them from any further "sexually oriented use of said premises without first obtaining approval of the court" and from owning or operating "any bathhouse, sex club or other commercial premises involving high-risk sexual activity" without approval of the court. The owners said, in anticipation of the agreement, that they had already closed the bathhouse on May 4. Attorney Tom Steele, representing the owners, said at the time, "The real dynamic behind the agreement is there is no future in trying to keep a bathhouse open and going at this point in history." ▼

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## 500,000 March on Washington



# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1988: Protests Over AZT Costs Heat Up, Quilt Goes on Big Tour

by Dennis Conkin

### January

At the beginning of the year, budget woes threatened the city's District Health Center No. 1 in the Castro. The clinic provided AIDS antibody tests and general medical care for the neighborhood, particularly low-income people with AIDS and ARC.

The first issue of the year also informed the San Francisco community that the L.A.-based gay activist Sheldon Andelson, a University of California Regent, died of AIDS in December. Andelson had been a towering figure in state and national gay politics for more than three decades.

The Senate passed AB 87, the bill by former Assemblyman Art Agnos that created a 15-member state Commission on AIDS, declared the Legislature's support for a Fair Employment and Housing Commission ruling that AIDS was a protected disability in employment, and loosened the requirement of confidentiality on some medical records regarding AIDS. A blanket medical consent form would be sufficient to share HIV test results among medical workers.

Prisoners at Vacaville State Medical Facility blasted the atrocious medical care that prisoners with AIDS received at the unit. The AIDS wing of the prison hospital was overcrowded and medical and psychiatric care for ill inmates was substandard, according to Matt Coles of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Nineteen protesters were arrested at Burroughs Wellcome in Burlingame, following a 15-mile march from San Francisco. More than 100 people participated in the march, which focused on the profiteering of the firm from sales of the AIDS drug AZT. The company had a monopoly on Retrovir, the brand name of the drug that was the only AIDS treatment drug sanctioned by the federal government. The most expensive prescription drug ever sold, AZT cost patients an estimated \$8,000 annually. With 10,000 taking the drug, the company was expected to recoup its alleged \$80 million in investment in one year.

The San Francisco Police Department instituted tough regulations prohibiting anti-gay bias on the basis of sexual orientation on the job, including sexual harassment through slurs or remarks. The measure also included prohibitions against bias related to sex, race, national origin, religion, marital status, or political beliefs. The policy was adopted but the Police Commission.

Walter Johnson and Supervisor Harry Britt were among the 15 political and labor leaders who chained themselves

to the doors of the old Federal Building in protest over federal inaction on AIDS.

### February

KQED was on the agenda of the Board of Supervisors in February, with public hearing scheduled to determine whether the station should receive \$150,000 in hotel tax funds even though the station carried MonitoRadio, a Christian Science Publishing Co. broadcast. The church practiced discrimination against lesbians and gays.

Dan Bradley, the former director of the federal Legal Services Corp. during the Carter administration, died of AIDS at 47. In 1982, while head of the agency, Bradley, a tireless advocate for low-income minorities, announced he was gay.

Concern among gay activists began growing over the investigation into the murder of George Smoot, a gay man. According to a report by writer Jay Newquist, the neighbors of the 52-year-old gay man refuted claims that he violently attacked the sister of Kali Smith, a teenage boy who later killed him. Smoot had been stabbed to death in November 1987. Smith was charged with manslaughter and possession of a deadly weapon.

Presidential candidate Sen. Al Gore said that if elected president, he would ban anti-gay bias through an executive order.

Lesbian activist attorney Roberta Achtenberg announced her candidacy for the 16th Assembly District vacated by Art Agnos. A member of the board of directors of United Way Bay Area, Achtenberg, a former dean of the New College School of Law, had resided in the district for 14 years. One of her first political moves was to block the endorsement of opponent John Burton by the San Francisco Democratic Central Council. Achtenberg said that the move was a lesson for the Democratic Party.

The Southern Baptist Convention of California snubbed the Dolores Street Baptist Church in San Francisco at the beginning of February by withholding funds from the church because it allowed gay people to become members.

Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson emphasized his support for lesbian and gay rights as part of his campaign agenda.

### March

On March 7, Divine died in his sleep at the age of 42 in a hotel room in Los Angeles. The 300-pound star had apparently died of a heart attack caused by his weight condition. Divine's 20-year career in show business included an early play at the Kabuki Theatre called the *Heartbreak of Psoriasis*. He was also known

for his outrageous starring roles in *Female Trouble*, *Hairspray*, *Polyester*, and *Pink Flamingos*, among other films. Divine was in Los Angeles to appear on the Fox TV show *Married ... With Children*.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted on March 7 to support a bid by to have the 1996 Olympics held in San Francisco if the United States Olympic Committee agreed to five demands, including a public statement affirming a non-discrimination policy in employment, consider funding gay and lesbian athletic groups, put an amateur athletic association on its board as a voting member and support an amendment to allow Gay Games to use the Gay Olympic Games title.

The Rainbow Deaf Society for lesbian and gay deaf people began an interpretation service for deaf people with AIDS.

President Reagan proposed an AIDS budget of \$1.3 billion for 1989 but Congress was expected to request almost \$2 billion, the amount recommended by the National Academy of Sciences. The proposal would raise AIDS spending 105 percent.

Clifford St. Joseph, 46, was found guilty of first degree murder in the killing of an unidentified transient in 1985. St. Joseph, a gay man, was a member of a gay satanic cult, according to homicide inspectors.

Editors at *Time* magazine met with representatives of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation about the failure to cover the 1987 March on Washington, which brought half a million lesbians and gays to the Capitol.

### April

Lesbian Sharon Bretz, an adult probation officer and founder of the Western Addition Neighborhood Center, was appointed to the Fire Commission by Mayor Art Agnos.

The elegant Comstock Club, the scene of many gay community fundraisers and receptions, closed after the group had failed to pay the \$25,000 a month rent on the building since January. The club employed 16 people and had opened in 1986 with a membership of 300.

Roberta Achtenberg lost to John Burton in the April special election for the 16th Assembly District seat and said that she would not challenge him for election in the June primary for the regular full term for the seat. Achtenberg denied that her focus on Burton's congressional record in the '70s and '80s was an attack on people in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse. Burton had a high absentee record and declined to run for re-election in 82 saying that



AIDS claimed entertainer Sylvester in late 1988.

he had an alcohol and drug problem.

Supervisor Quentin Kopp's Lesbian and Gay Advisory Committee threatened to resign if Kopp continued to back a city ballot initiative on hosting the 1996 Summer Olympics in San Francisco.

On April 4, the death toll from AIDS in the United States surpassed that in the Vietnam War. The Center for Disease Control reported that 58,270 Americans had died of AIDS; 58,132 American died in the Vietnam conflict.

The 3,488 panels of the Names Project Quilt left San Francisco for a 20-city display around the country, beginning at the Pauley Pavillion in Los Angeles.

The colorful mural tribute to Harvey Milk by Johanna Poethig at the Milk Recreation Center in Duboce Park was nearing completion and scheduled for a May unveiling.

Presidential AIDS Commission member Dr. Frank Lilly blasted President Reagan, saying that Reagan was personally responsible for the death of people with AIDS. Lilly also said that the federal government and Reagan administration were disinterested about the problem.

Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis said that he would not sign an executive order banning discrimination against gays and lesbians, because he thought a law was needed to address the issue.

About 600 lesbians and gay men marched in Dubuque, Iowa's second annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. The year before the 30-person parade was cut short after marchers were pelted with eggs and garbage.

### May

National Gay Rights Advocates requested that a congressional committee investigate pricing of aerosolized pentamidine, a drug for AIDS-related pneumonia. NGR said the production costs for the drug had decreased but the price for a vial of the drug increased from \$25 to \$100.

Arrests at the ARC/AIDS

vigil by March had increased to more than 200.

A lawsuit was brought against Disneyland in Orange County Superior Court by three gay men who allege that the park discriminated against them when it barred them from same-sex dancing. In 1984 the park was found to be in violation of the state Unruh Act, which prohibited arbitrary discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and other protected classes. The new suit asked for punitive damages because the park had violated the law previously.

Clifford St. Joseph was sentenced to 34 years to life for the first degree murder conviction in the satanic torture slaying of an unidentified transient.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act was approved by the House Judiciary Committee and sent to the floor of the House. Right-wing Republicans had failed to twice to remove the sexual orientation clause from the bill that would require collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation. It passed by a landslide vote of 384-30. NGLTF spent six years trying to get the federal government to respond to anti-gay violence.

A lesbian sorority, Lambda Delta Lambda, received official recognition at San Francisco State University in May. The sisterhood was expected to open a third chapter at UC Berkeley in the fall. LDL was the first lesbian sorority in the country.

The annual AIDS Bike-A-Thon raised more than \$300,000 for AIDS service groups in San Francisco. More than 1,400 riders biked 60,000 miles for the fundraiser.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights was criticized for its bias against gays in three days of AIDS discrimination hearings by the NGLTF and others.

The commission quoted anti-gay passages of the Bible and refused to endorse the inclusion of gays in the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

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Proposition 69, Lyndon LaRouche's measure calling for the quarantine of all persons testing positive for the AIDS virus, was scheduled for the June ballot. LaRouche called President Reagan a kook and Surgeon General C. Everett Koop a liar in an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The FDA announced a crackdown on alternative AIDS treatments such as DCNB and other drugs, including dextran sulfate. Inspectors for the federal agency paid a three-day visit to the San Francisco Healing Alternative Buyers Club.

## June

The San Francisco Department of Public Health announced that it withheld approval of \$1.26 million in funds for Shanti Project pending resolution of charges against Jim Geary, the project's founder. The Health Commission voted only to fund the program through September pending a Human Rights Commission investigation into the problems. Geary was under fire for autocratic management, retaliation against employees who complained about his cult-like status and management style.

Admiral James D. Watkins stunned critics in June when he called for full legal protections for people with AIDS, including strict confidentiality of HIV status, the proclamation of a national health emergency, and increased AIDS spending in the amount of \$3 billion a year.

Stanford University evicted a freshman student who insulted two dorm managers with anti-gay epithets. The university also criticized a group of students who support the evicted student by holding a masked candlelight vigil reminiscent of Ku Klux Klan meetings. Kenneth Erhman was the student evicted.

Proposition 69, the LaRouche initiative, was badly defeated by a 68-32 percent margin in the June election. Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis won the California Primary.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted the government's request for a rehearing of the case of Army Sgt. Perry Watkins, who sued the Army because they discharged him because he was gay, even though he told Army recruiters that he was homosexual when he enlisted. The case had been dragging through the courts for years.

Gay tenants rights attorney and political activist Paul Melbostadt was appointed to the Board of Permit Appeals by Mayor Agnos.

*Bay Area Reporter* writer Jay Newquist co-signed a complaint against veteran homicide Inspector Frank McCoy for calling him and asking him whether there was any proof that allegations made by Bill Paul that homicide inspectors had botched the murder investigation of George Smoot, a gay man in November 1987. Newquist felt the call was improper, and Paul signed a second complaint against McCoy

for the call. Paul had filed a previous complaint against McCoy because the inspector called him to ask him about his complaint. Paul also complained that the calls were taped illegally.

Former Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich died of AIDS in West Hollywood. He was 41. Matlovich came out as a gay man in the military in 1975 and was immediately discharged. He settled with the Air Force for \$160,000 after a court ordered him reinstated to the service. He was the first openly gay man to appear on the cover of *Time* magazine.

## July

The city of San Jose adopted an AIDS discrimination ordinance after the chief opponent, the Rev. Martin Richard of Los Gatos Christian Community Church, announced he was an adulterer and resigned his post. Richard had led a successful 1980 repeal of the the San Jose and Santa Clara County gay rights ordinances.

Two AIDS initiatives were heading for the November ballot. The first, sponsored by Rep. William Dannemeyer and Paul Gann, included as some of provisions: allowing employers to test for HIV infection, the end of anonymous antibodies tests and reporting anyone believed with reasonable cause to have AIDS or be HIV positive to local health authorities. The second measure, by Lols Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block, required people charged with the crime of interfering with police, firefighters or medical personnel to be tested if a judge thinks blood, saliva or other bodily fluid wound up on an officer. People charged with sex crimes would also be mandatorily tested and serostatus would not be confidential in prison or jail facilities.

The Office of Citizen Complaints issued a report that said the police homicide investigation of George Smoot, a gay man murdered by Kali Smith in November 1987, was botched because he was gay. Four homicide officers were accused of conduct reflecting discredit on the department because of the investigation.

Arson inspectors believed one person set two fires on Hartford Street and one on Eureka Street the same July night. The first fire was at 231 Hartford. The second in residential buildings at 172 and 174 Hartford caused the most damage leaving several residents of the apartments homeless. Another building at 319 Eureka St. was also torched.

In July, Gov. George Deukmejian cut \$29 million out of the state AIDS budget of \$104.3 million. The state would spend \$74.8 million on AIDS in fiscal year 1989 — an increase of \$11 million.

## August 1988

A San Francisco gay man evicted by his landlord won a settlement of \$150,000 from the landlord in the wrongful eviction action.

The settlement was the first test of anti-AIDS bias in the city's Human Rights Ordinance.

Irwin Memorial Bank moved a planned blood drive out of the Castro neighborhood following criticism from a local physician that the blood would be tainted. The blood bank announced no further blood drives in the Castro. Arm in Arm, a lesbian blood donor's group, had scheduled the drive, along with the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club.

The FDA agreed to expand the availability of trimetrexate, a drug used for the treatment of pneumocystis pneumonia. It also announced that it would revise its policy on the use of placebos in AIDS drug trials, according to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

## September

The Human Rights Commission issued the results of its five months of investigation of Shanti, following complaints from workers and a growing public furor over the cult-like status of Executive Director Jim Geary. The report noted that women and minorities were underrepresented in executive positions and as department managers, staff counselors and off-site workers. It also slammed the group for poor recordkeeping and inconsistent application of personnel policies. On Sept. 13 Geary was placed on administrative leave of absence.

The state Supreme Court quashed unwed couples rights suits, leaving gay couples in limbo. The court made the ruling in a suit where a man survived an automobile accident in which his female lover died. The court ruled that the man had no right to sue the driver for emotional distress and loss of consortium. Justice Stanley Mosk issued the majority opinion. Mosk said that allowing unwed couples to sue would put too much of a burden on the court.

The US House passed the comprehensive Federal AIDS Policy Act of 1988. Authored by California Rep. Henry Waxman, the measure called for expedited research, continual federal funding for confidential, voluntary HIV testing and the creation of a National Commission on AIDS.

## October

Jim Geary, executive director of the Shanti Project, announced his resignation from the agency. Geary would receive \$73,000 over two years as a settlement with the agency. Had the Shanti board of directors fired Geary, he would have sued for wrongful termination.

Congress told the District of Columbia to repeal its gay rights law or lose federal funding. The district repealed the measure 3210-134. The anti-gay rights amend-

ment to the districts appropriations bill had already passed the House.

The Senate Judiciary Committee rejected the nomination of Vaughn Walker as a federal judge for the 9th District Court of California. Walker had been under fire by lesbian and gay activists from his defense of the U.S. Olympics Committee, which had been sued over the refusal to let Gay Games use the word Olympic in the title. Walker had ordered a lien placed on Tom Waddell's house as he was dying of AIDS. His membership in an exclusive private club that excluded blacks and women in San Francisco was also under fire.

The Office of Citizen Complaints formally sustained charges of misconduct in the murder investigation of George Smoot. The OCC also said that a homicide inspector harassed Bill Paul, a gay man, who filed the complaints.

Congress managed to save most of a comprehensive AIDS package when it passed the Omnibus Health Amendment Act in October. The Federal AIDS Policy Act was included in the bill, but Sen. Jesse Helms had succeeded in cutting out all mention of confidential protections in the bill. \$100 million was allocated over two years.

AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power successfully shut down production on local filming of a controversial episode of *Midnight Caller* about a man who knowingly spread the AIDS virus and is shot to death by a woman he infected. AIDS organizations all over the country denounced the production. After activists successfully shut down the filming, producers for Lorimar got a restraining order to keep them away from filming.

Artie Wallace, a gay man with AIDS, won the custody of his 9-year-old son after Sean Wallace's mother defied a court order, snatched the child and took him to Arizona. A private investigator located the son and returned him to Wallace.

More than 150,000 people visited the Names Quilt display on the Ellipse near the White House. An estimated 400,000 marched by candlelight at the Lincoln Memorial. The Smithsonian Institution announced several of the more than 8,000 panels would go on permanent display.

## November

Proposition 102, the Dannemeyer initiative that would have required mandatory reporting of HIV test results and other measures, was trounced in the November election. Supervisor Harry Britt was re-elected. Pat Norman was defeated in a third try for a seat on the Board of Supervisors. Carol Ruth Silver, a longtime friend of the lesbian and gay community, was defeated. She had been under fire in

recent months for real estate ties.

The America National Red Cross issued CPR training rules that prohibited people with AIDS or HIV infection from receiving training in mouth to mouth resuscitation.

The new owners of the Castro Theatre declined to let Dignity use the theater for Christmas Mass. The theater said that employees wanted Christmas Eve off. Blumenfeld Enterprises, a theater chain, had recently assumed control of the theater.

The Health Department released funds to Shanti, extended its contract through June 1989, and expressed confidence in the board of directors and management of the program following the resignation of Jim Geary and an internal management review.

Roman Catholic Archbishop John Quinn threw Dignity, a group of gay Catholics, out of St. Boniface Church in the Tenderloin. The group had held services there for four years. The decision was made after the former pastor of the church transferred to El Salvador. The new pastor of the church was not as socially conscious or active and did not want a ministry to gays. Quinn was following Vatican orders. Quinn threatened to discipline any priest who said Mass for the group, but Masses, at a new location, were said anyway.

## December

A four-alarm blaze on Castro Street destroyed \$1.5 million in property including the Elephant Walk bar. The building was condemned by the city. The blaze began in the employee's lounge of Main Line Gifts and gutted Fotomat, the Love That Dares Bookshop, an ice cream parlor and other businesses.

Sylvester, legendary gay entertainer, died of AIDS at his San Francisco home.

The Names Project was criticized for sanitizing its presentation of the Quilt when it was shown recently in Washington, D.C. A guest editorial in the *Bay Area Reporter* complained that the word gay was never mentioned in reference to the Quilt or its panels. The group had also been charged with altering a quilt panel donated by someone's lover. The man's last name and place of birth had been covered up when the panel was on display in Washington. The man's family had objected because they denied their son was gay or died of AIDS. The lover had specifically refused permission to alter the panel, but the Project did it anyway.

Sal Roselli, an openly gay man and a longtime local political activist, was elected head of the 30,000-member Service Employees International Union, Local 250. ▼



# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1989: Agnos Signs Partners Bill, Voters Reject It

### January

The month started out with a controversy that pitted Mayor Art Agnos against members of the gay Catholic community and gay activists when Agnos appointed Father Peter Sammon, a Roman Catholic priest, to the city's Human Rights Commission. Dignity said the priest was part of an organization that discriminated against gays and said it would challenge the appointment. A key gay Agnos staffer inflamed the controversy when he denounced Dignity's interests as "parochial."

Supervisor Harry Britt became president of the Board of Supervisors.

A gay Navy midshipman was forced to resign less than two months before he was to graduate solely because he was gay. Joseph Steffan sued the Navy for forcing him to resign.

Cappi Patterson, 52, a founder and former president of PAWS, pleaded guilty on Jan. 17 to felony check scam charges involving the theft and forgery of checks from the account of PAWS.

Mayor Art Agnos requested the Human Rights Commission to hold hearings on the need for domestic partners legislation as Supervisor Harry Britt was readying legislation for introduction at the Board of Supervisors. A group calling itself Stop AIDS Now Or Else shut down the Golden Gate Bridge for an hour, forcing hours of traffic back-up at the site in protest over the inadequate federal and state government response to the AIDS epidemic.

### February

Oliver Billy Sipple, the man who saved the life of President Ford during an assassination attempt in San Francisco, was found dead in his apartment. Sipple had been dead for several days. Sipple was "outed" in a *Chronicle* column by Herb Caen following the 1975 incident. His family disowned him. Sipple sued for invasion of privacy but the courts threw the lawsuit out.

Shanti Project announced in February that Eric Rofes, Harvard educated teacher, gay political activist and former director of the Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, would become the director of the agency in April.

A federal law that took effect in February outlawed the production, distribution and sale of isobutyl nitrates better known as poppers. The law was part of the 1988 Omnibus Drug Act signed by President Reagan the year before.

The FDA permitted wider use of aerosolized pentamidine by giving the drug treatment investigational new drug status. An FDA spokesman estimated that 50,000 to 100,000 people would benefit from the use of the drug as a prophylactic for pneumocystis pneumonia.

The lesbian and gay civil rights bill was reintroduced in the Senate by Alan Cranston. Officially known as the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989, the bill would outlaw discrimination based on affectional or sexual orientation.

Mayor Art Agnos was severely criticized at the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club membership meeting for refusing to appoint gay clergy from the Metropolitan Community Church to his AIDS Task Force and for appointing Father Peter Sammon to the Human Rights Commission.

Project Open Hand moved from the basement kitchen of Trinity Church to a 17th Street facility.

In February lesbian lovers Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski were allowed a three-day visit, the first time the couple had seen each other since Kowalski was severely injured and suffered brain damage in a 1983 accident. Kowalski's parents forbade Thompson from visiting Sharon and denied that their daughter was a lesbian.

A six-alarm fire destroyed the Dallas Gay Community Center and the AIDS Resource Center on Feb. 23. Arson was suspected and damage was estimated at \$750,000. The building was destroyed.

### March

Former President Gerald Ford sent a condolence note to the friends of Oliver Sipple, which was printed in the *Bay Area Reporter*. In the letter Ford said that he regretted the problems that developed for Sipple.

A bitter fight between the staff of National Gay Rights Advocates and Supervisor Harry Britt was erupting in public over opposing pieces of domestic partners relations. NGR's Family Equity Omnibus Ordinance Act of 1989 extended limits to "family partnerships" including any combination of adults and children that functioned as family units and other diverse family units. Although NGR denied it was trying to upstage or compete with Britt, Leonard Graff, author of the bill, was a part of the Agnos political machine through his appointment to the Human Rights Commission, and insiders believed the real issue was a turf war between Agnos and Britt. Britt legislation won. Britt insisted the measure not be expanded but cover only gay-related domestic partners.

In March the FDA announced that gancyclovir, a

drug used to treat people losing their eyesight because of cytomegalovirus, would be more easily available. The FDA action came after intense criticism by AIDS care physicians and AIDS activists including activists from ACT UP/San Francisco.

San Francisco City College established the first formally organized academic department of Gay and Lesbian Studies in the United States.

A woman who bit a deputy sheriff in a child custody altercation must be tested for AIDS under provision of Proposition 96, a San Francisco Municipal Court judge ruled.

Gov. George Deukmejian's proposed AIDS budget for fiscal 1989-'90 was \$102.8 million, an increase of only \$1.8 million.

The federal ban on poppers was blocked by a suit from a Los Angeles distributor of the substance. Western International Distributors obtained a restraining order that blocked enforcement of the ban until their suit went to court.

Sen. Jesse Helms succeeded in killing legislation that would have extended for six months the federal government subsidies for low-income people taking AZT. The \$15 million program had been subsidizing the cost of the drug for six months and was originally created in 1987 when the drug was licensed.

Prudential Insurance said that aerosolized pentamidine as a prophylactic treatment for pneumocystis pneumonia was experimental and declined to pay for it. The company said it would only pay for intravenous treatment with the drug.

The *Chronicle* was in hot water with the gay and lesbian community after a poll it published questioned whether there were too many gay people in San Francisco in a booster piece about living in San Francisco.

### April

KOFY-TV, Channel 20, was negotiating to bring Morton Downey Jr.'s shock television show back to San Francisco in April. The program had been dropped by KRON-TV, Channel 4, earlier after protests from the city's Human Rights Commission and Department of Public Health. Downey was homophobic and constantly baited guests with anti-gay statements.

Lesbian activist Masha Gessen, a political refugee from the Soviet Union, applied for American citizenship, having been in the country under political asylum granted in 1981 when she was 14 because she was a Soviet Jew.

Hans Paul Verhoef, a Netherlands official, was thrown in jail in Minneapolis when he arrived in the United States April 2 after U.S. Customs



Phyllis Zillhart, left, and Ruth Frost were ordained as Lutheran ministers.

toms discovered AZT capsules and leather clothes in his luggage. Verhoef was detained because of the INS ban of allowing people with AIDS into the country, although Rep. Nancy Pelosi argued that the exclusion didn't apply to tourists. Verhoef was in America for the International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference. After the INS exhausted its legal appeals, Verhoef supporters posted a \$10,000 bond and he was allowed to attend the last days of the conference. Mayor Art Agnos sent a limousine to the airport to pick him up.

The U.S. policy of not admitting people with HIV infection or AIDS into the country could derail the Sixth International Conference on AIDS to be held in San Francisco in 1990, activists warned. More than 10,000 delegates from around the world were expected to attend the event.

Stuart McDonald, a person with AIDS who had been on a hunger strike since Jan. 2, continued the strike. McDonald had completed 91 days of fasting on April 3. He said that he would end his fast if President Bush signed federal legislation ending anti-gay and AIDS discrimination, or until Gov. George Deukmejian signed similar state legislation or Sen. Pete Wilson supported and signed such legislation and co-sponsored the 1989 Civil Rights Act Amendment.

Vaughn Walker was renominated for a seat on the 9th District Court in San Francisco and gay activists vowed to oppose the nomination by Sen. Pete Wilson.

A man convicted of biting a police officer in 1984 confessed to the murder of his roommate in the Castro. Lyle Julius, 31, confessed to killing David Koener, 47. Julius bit openly gay San Francisco police officer Ken Cady in 1984. At the time Julius told officers that he had AIDS. Cady unsuccessfully attempted to have Julius tested for HIV infection.

First stage trials were set to begin on Compound Q, a drug derived from a Chinese cu-

cumber root. The drug killed AIDS-infected cells and blocked their replication in test-tube experiments.

A Kaiser nurse fired while on leave to care for his lover with AIDS was reinstated in April following community protests over the treatment of the nurse. The termination occurred after he told one of his supervisors that he was HIV-positive.

The city's Human Rights Commission endorsed the plan to provide rights for domestic partners.

Attorneys for the *Bay Area Reporter* filed court papers asking that a libel suit by Rep. William Dannemeyer be dismissed. Dannemeyer was unhappy that the newspaper had printed a memo describing him as "foaming at the mouth," around AIDS issues. The memo was by a Republican Party official.

Morton Downey Jr. was back on the air in San Francisco. Downey recorded an anti-gay violence message, and KOFY-TV said that it had received a bomb threat related to his appearance. Downey also said that he had been attacked by skinheads at the San Francisco airport when he arrived in town.

Members of the AIDS activist group ACT UP joined in a march through the Castro after a memorial on April 24 for Terry Sutton, a member who died of AIDS. Sutton had tried to get Foscamet for his CMV retinitis as an alternative to the drug gancyclovir. Sutton was denied the drug. His battle to get the drug released was directly responsible for advancing a number of clinical trials of the drug around the country. Astra, the drug's manufacturer, refused to release it for compassionate use.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *Sable Communications v. FCC*, challenging a 1988 federal law that banned dial-a-porn services.

### May

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation urged gay and bisexual men to consider taking

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the HIV antibodies test. The change in the agency's public policy was attributed to recent medical prophylactic treatment for pneumocystis pneumonia.

The San Francisco Visitors and Convention Bureau was under fire for its lack of outreach to tourists from minority communities, including the lesbian and gay community. The bureau said it didn't have the funds to advertise the annual Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade for the year, but would budget funds for the event in 1990.

Dr. Tim Wolfred resigned as director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation effective July 1.

Kellogg cereal company shareholders got a surprise at their annual meeting when a 70-year-old shareholder, Joseph Norton, a relative of the Kellogg family, denounced the firm's anti-gay Nut 'n' Honey cereal commercials.

The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together began a weekend series of safe-sex education for gay men of color, funded by the Centers for Disease Control.

A federal appeals court ordered the U.S. Army to reinstate a gay soldier who was denied re-enlistment because he was gay. The court ruled that Perry Watkins must be offered reinstatement because the Army repeatedly enlisted him knowing he was gay.

The Recreation Center for the Handicapped was under investigation by the city's Human Rights Commission for denying HIV-positive children and adults the use of their swimming pool. The agency received city funds and had adopted the practice following consultation with Dr. Lorraine Day, a San Francisco General Hospital orthopedic surgeon, whose beliefs about HIV and AIDS were the subject of constant criticism by AIDS experts.

KOFYTV owner Jim Gabbert backed off earlier pledges to drop the Morton Downey show if charges that he was attacked by skinheads turned out to be a hoax. The DA declined to file charges against Downey for making a false report in the incident, but airport police said that Downey's claims were without foundation.

Dr. C. Everett Koop announced his resignation as surgeon general effective July 1.

The Rev. Jim Sandmire, longtime MCC spiritual leader in the lesbian and gay community, died of AIDS on May 12.

The Bay Area Reporter raised serious questions about an planned series of fundraisers named In Concert Against AIDS. Of \$1.5 million in anticipated gross revenues, designated AIDS organizations had been told they would receive between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Tickets sales for the major fundraiser had amounted to less than \$500,000. Organizers also changed initial plans to give funds directly to designated agencies and decided that half of the funds would go to pre-designated agencies and

the rest would be distributed through an umbrella group after agencies submitted proposals.

The fifth annual Bike-A-Thon raised \$361,000 for AIDS service organizations.

Controversy continued over needle exchange in San Francisco. The Health Commission held public hearings about providing sterile injection equipment to drug addicts to reduce the risk of AIDS transmission from the shared use of needles in May, but many African American religious leaders denounced the idea. Health Commissioner Naomi Gray called it genocide.

The Social Services Commission threatened to cut \$1 million in city funding if the Recreation Center for the Handicapped did not end its ban on people with HIV and AIDS from using the pool. The center ended the ban.

On May 26 the Danish parliament legalized lesbian and gay marriages. Denmark was the first country in the world to completely recognize gay relationships.

The Annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial drew an estimated 15,000 marchers to City Hall. Straight, black, Asian and religious communities joined the march for the first time.

## June

Domestic partner legislation was passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and signed by Mayor Art Agnos.

The City Attorney's Office dropped a challenge to determine the identity of the nurse at San Francisco General who was infected with HIV through a needle-stick injury while caring for a person with AIDS. The injury claim had been held up for 18 months because the City Attorney's Office had refused to process her claim anonymously, even though the identity was confidential by law.

The omission of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade from the book the city gives to conventioners to promote tourism was an oversight, according to the tourist bureau and would be included next year.

Maud's, the oldest lesbian bar in San Francisco and possibly the world, closed its doors after 22 years in business.

San Francisco police, saying their action had been approved by Mayor Art Agnos' office, descended on the San Francisco AIDS Vigil and ordered residents to tear down their tents and leave the site immediately. A gay attorney operating a cafe in the area had complained the vigil was bad for business. The security chief for the old Federal Building was a co-signer of the complaint. Lesbian, gay, AIDS and homeless activists from all over the city began arriving within an hour of the incident, linked arms, sat down around the vigil site and waited for arrest. Agnos ordered the raid called off, saying he hadn't been informed of the incident. The decision to shut down the vigil was made in a meeting

attended by Deputy Mayors Gail Orr Smith and Myra Snyder. The incident was the third major public relations disaster involving Agnos and the gay community. The first was the appointment of Archbishop John R. Quinn to his AIDS Task Force in January. The second was the attempt to wrest control of the domestic partners initiative through his staffers and National Gay Rights Advocates lawyer Leonard Graff, an Agnos political appointee, to the Human Rights Commission. The action against the vigil was condemned by the Board of Supervisors.

An estimated 300,000 people turned out for the annual Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade.

## July

Underground studies of Compound Q by Project Inform were defended following the death of a man who aspired following an injection of the drug. The individual had requested that he not be resuscitated or heroic measures taken if he faced a life-threatening situation. The drug was not related to his death.

Religious fundamentalists including Rabbi Lionel Feldman and the Rev. Charles McIlhenny, pastor of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, announced plans for a referendum by voters on the domestic partners legislation passed by the Board of Supervisors. With 27,000 signatures out of 18,000 needed to place the matter on the ballot, the City Attorney's Office suspended the law.

The publisher of the *Contra Costa Times* threatened to fire newsroom employees responsible for placing coverage of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade on the front page of the paper. Dean Leshner said that he did not consider the story major.

After 14 years of legal wrangling, Pacific Bell was ordered to pay \$3.5 million to 205 claimants to settle the most protracted anti-gay job discrimination lawsuit in the country's history. Litigants received checks ranging from \$2,000 to \$80,000 as a settlement.

## August

Reports that Lynn Griffiths, an associate pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, was attacked and beaten in her home on July 12 and that MCC pastor Jim Mitsuiki had received a threatening note at his home raised fears in the gay community of a new wave of anti-gay violence. Griffiths charged that she was hit in the face with a shovel while opening her garage door and knocked unconscious by an escaping assailant. Her cuts required eight stitches. Death threats were spray painted on her inside garage wall.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation justified its payment of almost \$100,000 in fees to AIDS Walk-A-Thon organizers as the cost of doing business to raise funds. The annual event raised \$1.26 million in funds and had ex-

penses of \$292,000.

Perry Stone, a shock jock who was fired from KSJO earlier in the year, and was infamous for his gay baiting comments and anti-gay jokes, was hired by KITS-FM radio.

Results of a study of AZT that indicated the drug could delay the onset of AIDS in people, who were healthy but had a T-cell count of 200 to 500, and HIV infection renewed interests in the drug, but critics said the drug was priced out of reach.

Trent Orr was appointed to the Parks and Rec Commission. Orr was a founding member of the League of Conservation Voters and a founding member of Gay/Lesbians Sier-rans.

University of California AIDS researchers declined to comment on the condition of Charles Waver, 38, a gay man with AIDS who was a participant in the experimental studies of Compound Q, called GLQ223 by University of California AIDS Researchers. Weaver developed toxic encephalopathy and went into a coma following an injection with Compound Q. Weaver's lover alleged that the study failed to give him Decadron, a medication that prevents such effects. He also charged a cover-up of the incident by UCSF researchers.

Rep. Barney Frank asked for the House Ethics Committee to investigate charges of influence peddling on behalf of a male prostitute who ran a call boy ring out of Frank's DC residence without his knowledge.

## September

The California attorney general announced he would appeal the ruling of a court of appeal decision reversing the murder convictions of three men in connection with the Polk Street death of John O'Connell in 1984. The charges were reduced to manslaughter because there was no proof, the court ruled, that the trio intended to kill O'Connell.

Dignity, an organization of gay Roman Catholics, drew more than 600 to its national convention in San Francisco.

Burroughs-Wellcome initially announced that it would not lower the price of AZT below \$8,000 per year despite protests from activists. However, after pressure from legal groups and concern that it might lose its patent on the drug, the company cut the price per capsule from \$1.50 to \$1.20.

National Gay Rights Advocates sued the Housing and Urban Development agency after it denied funds for a housing complex for people with AIDS, saying that AIDS was not a protected disability.

A gay man who challenged the ban against same-sex dancing at Disneyland in 1980 returned to the amusement park in September to dance with his boyfriend.

Revelations of turmoil at National Gay Rights Advocates surfaced in the Bay Area Reporter. Every lawyer for the agency had either resigned or was considering resignation

because of conflicts with Jean O'Leary, the agency's executive director.

The FBI entered the Lynn Griffiths case after the lesbian MCC pastor said she had been attacked again, kidnapped and threatened with death while walking in the Panhandle near Golden Gate Park. The entire city was inflamed by the incident, but a police investigation revealed that the whole thing was a hoax and Griffiths fled San Francisco after allegations of a previous self-mutilating incident.

Revelations of spying and infiltration of homophile and lesbian and gay rights groups by the FBI from 1953 until the '70s surprised no one in the gay community. The *Chronicle* reported the story based on FBI documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. Congressional leaders promised an investigation into the tactics.

On Oct. 6, the worst confrontation between local police and the gay community erupted at the end of a demonstration on Castro and Market. What began as a routine ACT UP demonstration protesting the lack of funds to treat AIDS ended in a major police action that saw protesters bloodied and bludgeoned with police batons and a police sweep of the Castro that saw hundreds of shoppers, neighborhood residents and business patrons held captive in bars and restaurants when the police cleared the street. More than 40 brutality complaints were filed with CUAV, and the Office of Citizen Complaints received 15 formal complaints about police misconduct in the action. Protester Michael Bannette was taken by ambulance to Mission Emergency Hospital for treatment of facial lacerations received when he was clubbed by an officer. Protesters J.D. Taylor and Bryndis Tobin charged Capt. Richard Cairns with striking them for no reason with his baton. Tobin also complained that she was falsely arrested by Cairns without reason. Activists were stunned by police reaction to their demonstration and changes in the crowd control management from previous demonstrations. Deputy Chief Frank Reed did not allow the group to use one lane of traffic and the sidewalk and ordered arrests for minor infractions. Reed also called out officers from every police station in San Francisco to handle the demonstration.

Mayor Art Agnos asked the Office of Citizen Complaints to turn their finding over to the Police Commission bypassing Chief of Police Frank Jordan. However, the request required a change in the city charter that must be approved by voters.

A 7.1 earthquake centered in the Santa Cruz mountains struck the Bay Area at 5:04 p.m. on Oct. 17, leaving scores dead throughout the seven counties and thousands homeless in Watsonville and other cities. Sections of the Marina district were devastated and a portion of the South of Market neighborhood were hard hit.

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SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

## 1990: Boycotts, Outing Split Gays

by Dennis Conkin

### January

The AIDS Project of the East Bay was embroiled in a bitter labor dispute one month after the entire non-management staff filed for protection with the National Labor Relations Board and signed union authorization cards with SEIU Local 616. The brouhaha erupted after the termination of two employees and the suspension of two others by Executive Director Cleo Manago. A preliminary report issued by the Alameda County Health Department said the agency had failed to meet some of its contractual obligations. One former staffer and a local political activist claimed the agency had become little more than a front for a controversial political group.

Three young men convicted of second degree murder in the 1984 Polk Street gay bashing of John O'Connell were released from prison a few days after their sentences were reduced from 15 to four years, following a November 1989 ruling that O'Connell did not die from the blows by the assailants but from head injuries when he fell to the street after he was slapped and punched by the men. The charges were reduced from second degree murder to manslaughter.

Charges that four San Francisco Police Inspectors failed to adequately investigate the 1987 homicide of George Smoot were unanimously dismissed by the Police Commission. Smoot, a 52-year-old aerospace engineer, was stabbed to death on Nov. 28, 1987, in his Brussels Street home by Kali Smith. Smith, who was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a term in a California Youth Authority facility, confessed that he killed Smoot in the heat of passion after Smoot tried to molest his sister. Smith also alleged that Smoot tried to molest him earlier the same day.

In 1989 the Office of Citizen Complaints sustained charges of conduct reflecting discredit on the department against four officers, following complaints of Bill Paul, a local gay activist, on behalf of the Stonewall and Alice B. Toklas Gay Democratic Club. The OCC report charged that inspectors stopped collecting evidence and investigating the case because Smith alleged he had been molested and instead began trying to prove that Smoot had molested Smith. In voting to dismiss the case the Police Commissioner Gwenn Craig said that the Police Department had never been able to show the officers had acted in a way to bring discredit on the department and had continued to investigate the case after they learned Smoot was gay.

San Francisco Police Chief Frank Jordan reorganized

the command structures at the Police Department. Deputy Chief Willis Casey, a 28-year-veteran of the department, became assistant chief of police, Commander Fred Lau became deputy chief for operations. Lau filled the post vacated by Jordan's brother, Jack Jordan, who resigned rather than face disciplinary charges related to his handling of the Oct. 6 police action in the Castro District.

After five years as the head of the city's Department of Public Health, David Werdegard, M.D., announced he would leave the post Aug. 1. George Rutherford resigned as head of the Health Department's AIDS Office. Lesbian physician Sandra Hernandez was appointed to replace him. Reports circulated that Werdegard quit because of interference in the department by the Mayor's Office. Deputy Mayor Myra Snyder's name figures prominently.

The Revs. Phyllis Zillhart, Ruth Frost and Jeff Johnson were ordained as clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America despite

### Western Union attempted to scuttle the City's Human Rights Ordinance in Ertag vs. Western Union.

the denomination's ban on sexually active gay pastors. The three were called to serve as assistant pastors of local San Francisco congregations. The churches faced sanctions ranging from suspension to expulsion by the denomination for the action.

Shanti announced that it would join a growing boycott of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS scheduled in June. The action was taken in opposition to the federal government's travel restrictions for people with HIV infection.

The FDA recommended the daily dosage of AZT be reduced from 1,200 milligrams to 600 milligrams because it was less toxic. The annual cost of the drug at the original dose was \$6,000 a year.

Dave Bryan, 34, became legal director of National Gay Rights Advocates after Leonard Graff left the post. Bryan assumed his position following months of turmoil at the agency, including the abrupt termination of attorneys Ben Schatz and Cynthia Goldstein by the agency's board and the subsequent resignation of Executive Director Jean O'Leary amidst

charges of mismanagement and staff abuse.

The election of the Rev. Lloyd Mashore to the Concord City Council was challenged by opponents who said that he was not a legal resident of the city when he ran for the post of City Councilman.

### February

Western Union attempted to scuttle the city's Human Rights Ordinance in *Ertag vs. Western Union*. Plaintiff Armand Ertag sued the firm for discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation after he was fired. Ertag charged such discrimination is illegal under the ordinance. Western Union charged that the ordinance was pre-empted by state law, which did not preclude anti-gay employment discrimination.

Gay rights activists launched a boycott of the firm. The national Human Rights Campaign Fund canceled a \$300,000 annual telegram contract with the group. Supervisor Richard Hongisto threatened to force the city to divest of Western Union stock and its services.

Judge Ira Brown later in the year ruled the ordinance was valid.

More than 50 scientists, including Dr. Jonas Salk and Nobel Prize winner Harold Varmus, called on President Bush to take corrective action regarding the INS travel restrictions for people with HIV.

The *Christian Science Monitor* said it would no longer discriminate against lesbians and gays in employment. In 1981 a lesbian reporter was fired from the organization because she was a lesbian.

Contra Costa Judge Jay Potenhauer ruled that the Rev. Lloyd Mashore's election to the Concord City Council in November 1989 was invalid because he was not a legal resident of Concord when he filed to run for the seat. Mashore said he would appeal.

Vaughn Walker was sworn in as a U.S. District Court judge. Walker is the lawyer who placed a lien on the house of the late Dr. Tom Waddell after the U.S. Olympic Committee prevailed in a lawsuit over Waddell's use of the term "Gay Olympics." Walker's nomination was opposed by political activists who charged he demonstrated bias against women and minorities by belonging to the Olympic Club, which, at the time, did not allow women membership and discriminated against blacks.

Former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein kicked off her campaign for governor.

Andy Rooney, CBS 60 Minutes commentator, was suspended for homophobic and racist remarks.

The U.S. Senate approved the Hate Crimes Statistic Act. The bill directs the Justice



Dump Miller boycott on Castro Street.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Department to collect and report on crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Following documentation in *Lancet*, a British medical journal, there is growing belief that Kaposi's sarcoma is not related to AIDS but another sexually transmitted virus.

### March

Dr. Robert Gallo, a pioneer AIDS researcher, claimed that a cure had been discovered for Kaposi's sarcoma and declared that co-factors influenced the development of AIDS in people infected with HIV.

Jerry De Jong, program manager of the Health Department's HIV Early Intervention Services, resigned his post after less than a year. De Jong blasted the department for a "cumbersome bureaucracy" and recommending that people get tested for HIV but providing little in the way of access to health care for people without insurance.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force joined the boycott of the Sixth International AIDS Conference.

Eight weeks after he was appointed to the post, NGR Legal Director Dave Bryan abruptly resigned from the \$50,000 a year post. NGR attorney Ben Schatz revealed he had been asked his HIV status by board President Richard White during termination health insurance settlement negotiations. HIV status is confidential under local and state law and cannot be used in employment decision or to determine health insurance benefits.

The FDA approved a community-based research trial of Compound Q by Project Inform, a year after the group ran an underground trial of the drug without bothering to get FDA approval. The study would include 35 patients from the San Francisco area.

Two of the three men convicted of second degree murder in the 1984 death of John O'Connell and released in

January after the conviction was reduced to manslaughter were in trouble with the law. One was held on auto theft charges. Another was a fugitive after assaulting a man in a Vallejo bar.

Phase 1 trials of an experimental HIV vaccine began in San Francisco and Los Angeles. About 24 healthy HIV negative volunteers were to be inoculated with the vaccine, HPG-30.

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps demanded that James Holobaugh, 25, a senior at Washington University in St. Louis, return a \$25,000 scholarship after he realized he was gay and reported his sexual orientation to ROTC officials.

The 1990 Census, which began in March, included a question to count the number of lesbian and gay couples across the country. The relationship section of the survey included the designation "unmarried partner," along with "roommate/housemate" and "roomer/boarder" and other designations.

Andy Rooney was back on the air following his suspension for homophobic and racist remarks.

The National Institutes of Health began an investigation into the charges that Robert Gallo stole the AIDS virus from French researchers. Reporters and others familiar with the history of AIDS believed Gallo's discovery of the AIDS virus occurred only after French researchers sent him samples of their AIDS virus. Both were genetically identical.

The Bay Area Reporter broke a story about an interview with Richard Chamberlain in a French magazine. In the article Chamberlain claimed that he was gay and "tired of pretending." Chamberlain's publicist denied the story and said he was straight, but the "outing" craze continued. Tabloids and newspapers reported that Richard Pryor's son was a drag queen, that Kristy McNichol, John Travolta and other

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entertainers were either lesbian or gay. The debate about the practice continued in the gay community.

## April

Local civil and welfare rights activists were stunned by revelations that Department of Social Services workers routinely performed illegal warrant checks on applicants and set them up for arrest in DSS offices. The revelations followed disclosures that DSS workers routinely released confidential client information to local law enforcement officers.

President Bush signed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Bush included the term "sexual orientation" in describing the scope of the bill.

Gossip maven and *Outlook* Editor Michaelangelo Signorile punched out an audience member of the syndicated TV talk show *Geraldo* after the man told him that he was going to die of AIDS. The *Geraldo* show topic was on the subject of outing.

AIDS scientist Robert Gallo retreated from his claim of a cure for Kaposi's. Gallo said the compound he referred to earlier was in the early stages of development and apologized for raising hope prematurely.

ACT UP announced a boycott of Marlboro cigarettes, owned by Philip Morris Inc., the largest corporate campaign contributor to the reelection efforts of Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Steven Goble, a prostitute who earlier revealed that he had a relationship with U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), was arrested for possession of marijuana and felony destruction of property after a traffic accident. Goble had been previously arrested for possession of cocaine and prostitution.

Delta Lambda Phi, a national gay fraternity founded in 1987, opened a chapter at the University of California-Berkeley.

Sixth International AIDS Conference organizers denounced ACT UP founder Larry Kramer's call for a riot at the June conference.

## May

First lady Barbara Bush put candles in the White House as part of the annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial. Dozens of cities around the nation and world held marches to remember those who have died of AIDS.

About 60 activists from Stop AIDS Now or Else occupied the Northern California Immigration and Naturalization Service headquarters on Sansome Street. A simultaneous demo was held in L.A.

Black lesbian welfare activist Barbara Nabors-Glass called for the resignation of David Neely, a gay man, from the Social Services Commission, after Neely supported the Fraud Early Detection program, which allows the department to investigate anyone who fits a "fraud profile." Homelessness is part of that criteria.

A Kenyan study was released that claimed 99 people

went into some form of remission after ingesting oral alpha interferon. Dubious scientists plan a placebo trial in New York in response to the reports.

San Francisco Superintendent of Schools Ramon Cortines is chided for his remarks about a proposed support program for gay students. Cortines says that the district has to be "very very careful about enticing young people about their sexual orientation." Cortines refused to retract the remark and was later revealed by a local gay newspaper to be "a closet gay," which set off a local firestorm about "outing."

NGRA reached a settlement with Great Republic Life Insurance Co., which agreed not to discriminate against gays when selling insurance. Previously the group denied coverage to unmarried men in "occupations that do not require physical exertion such as florists, fashion designers and interior decorators."

Activists began putting pressure on the S.F. Unified School District to adopt the gay support program over fundamentalist Christian objections.

The Navy dropped its claims against two former NROTC midshipmen who were booted out of the scholarship program when they told their superior officers they were gay. Robert Betiker of MIT would have been forced to repay more than \$38,000. David Carney, 23, of Harvard would have been forced to pay more than \$50,000. The Navy refused to change anti-gay employment policies.

Hospice worker Gary Clayton was severely assaulted in a gay bashing in Dolores Park. Four Latino males followed Clayton through the park and chased him into a garage entryway on 18th Street, yelling, "Kill the faggot." He was beaten with a 2-by-4 and a claw hammer. An alert cab driver and three golf club-wielding sisters came to his assistance, probably saving Clayton's life. Kevin Lobo and Rodolfo Rocha were arrested in the incident and held on \$200,000 bail each.

Genentech, a South San Francisco pharmaceutical firm, announced that chimpanzees injected with a prototype AIDS vaccine successfully resisted HIV infection after exposure to the virus.

## June

Dianne Feinstein won the Democratic nomination for governor, easily defeating Attorney General John Van De Kamp.

Lesbian attorney Donna Hitchens beat Deukmejian appointee conservative incumbent Jerome Benson for a Superior Court seat.

Mayor Art Agnos' \$45 million AIDS budget was criticized for severely underestimating the number of people with HIV infection in San Francisco. The report stated that 18,000 people in San Francisco suffered from HIV infection. Health Department figures indicated that 35,000

suffered from HIV infection, half of whom had no health insurance.

First lady Barbara Bush came out against anti-gay violence in a letter to Paulette Goodman, national president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved a school-sponsored program for lesbian and gay students, including the services of a half-time counselor. The program was approved over the objections of religious fundamentalists.

Frank Buttino, a gay FBI agent, filed suit against the agency after it stripped him of his security clearance and then fired him after it discovered he was gay. Buttino, 45, was with the agency for two decades. The suit says the agency violated equal protection and due process rights.

Eight PWAs in a group of 62 patients had normal T-cell and white blood cell counts in blood tests following treatment with Compound Q, a Project Inform study revealed.

AIDS researcher Robert Gallo dropped out of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS under a cloud of speculation that he stole the AIDS virus from French discoverers.

Thousands of activists from ACT UP held a protest in front of the INS building, kicking off several days of protests during the Sixth International AIDS Conference. Following the march and rally, the group held a sit-in in the Marriott until conference organizers agreed to give more free passes to people with AIDS who wanted to attend the conference. Despite tensions around the boycott of the conference, nearly 12,000 people attended. Demonstrations culminated on Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day when Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan's closing speech was drowned out by activists' heckles, air horns and chants.

The report of the Mayor's Task Force on Family Policy was released after a year's worth of testimony and research. The report called for health insurance coverage for domestic partners and extended families of city workers.

Local gay Congregation Sha'ar Zahav celebrated its 13th anniversary. Two weeks later Reform Judaism became the first major religious body to approve the ordination of gays and lesbians as clergy.

More than 325,000 turned out for a festive, upbeat Gay Pride Day in San Francisco.

The Americans With Disabilities Act passed a House-Senate conference following the rejection of an amendment that would have allowed restaurants to exclude people with AIDS from food handling jobs and not be sued for discrimination.

Kentucky rescinded its anti-gay sodomy law.

A report by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force revealed that San Francisco led the nation in anti-gay vio-

lence.

Supervisor Harry Britt announced that he was going to put a domestic partners initiative back on the ballot in November.

## July

AIDS activists launched a boycott of Miller beer. The company's corporate parent, the Philip Morris Co., was a major contributor to the reelection campaign of Jesse Helms.

The first gay pride parade in Idaho was held in Boise.

The local Black Leadership Forum protested the appearance of Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan at the Sixth International AIDS Conference.

CD4, one of the most highly touted AIDS drugs, was relatively ineffective in human trials after promising test-tube studies.

Homeless activists, many of them gay, were critical of Mayor Art Agnos' plan to sweep Civic Center Park across the street from City Hall of homeless encampments.

Touching off an international furor, the *Bay Area Reporter* broke a story that Lech Walesa vowed to eliminate gays and drug addicts from Polish society if elected president of Poland.

Charline McCain, a former member of the AIDS Emergency Fund Board of Directors, was suspected of embezzling an estimated \$10,000 in change from the Fund's Penies Project. McCain fled town, telling her escort that she was pregnant and wanted to go home to Texas.

Rodolfo Rocha, one of two men arrested in the May gay bashing of hospice worker Gary Clayton, copped a plea and was sentenced to two years in state prison for the bashing. In exchange, Rocha agreed to "cooperate with authorities."

Following several days of pro-forma hearings, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America suspended for five years two local congregations, St. Francis Lutheran Church and First United Lutheran Church, for ordaining the Revs. Phyllis Zillhart, Ruth Frost and Jeff Johnson as pastors. The churches will be expelled from the denomination for defying the ban on sexually active gay clergy if the church doesn't lift the ban in five years.

Louisville, Ky., passed a hate crimes bill.

The Midnight Sun, a popular Castro area bar, was picketed over allegations that it excluded blacks and women.

Sen. Jesse Helms' (R-NC) reelection bid appeared to be in trouble after two polls showed former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt leading.

Alex Bennett, controversial KITS-FM shock jock, slammed the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation for alerting its readers that Bennett was back in town and up to his anti-gay tricks again after a year's absence.

HIV testing for convicted prostitutes began in Califor-

nia.

Queer Nation/San Francisco was founded.

The local domestic partners initiative was forwarded to the registrar of voters for certification and placement on the November ballot. It later became known as Proposition K.

Gay activists began pushing for inclusion of gay rights history in textbooks approved by the State Department of Education.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Ira Reiner continued to be under fire for filing suit to close three LA bath-houses.

## August

Dr. David Werdegard left his post as Health Department director after five years.

Louis Sullivan denounced ACT-UP as a "fringe group" following heckling he received at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS.

David Souter was named by President Bush to replace Supreme Court Justice William Brennan. The choice was criticized by gay activists.

The House voted to reprimand Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) rather than censure him for actions he took on behalf of Steve Goble, a prostitute Frank was involved with while still "closeted." Frank had "fixed" parking tickets and written a letter to Goble's parole officer on his behalf.

Western Union issued a revised non-discrimination employment policy that included sexual orientation. The change came after a boycott of the corporation—including a canceled \$300,000 contract with the Human Rights Campaign Fund—when it tried to scuttle the city's Human Rights Ordinance after a gay man filed an employment discrimination suit under HRO provisions.

The weeklong Gay Games III was held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The second issue of *Tema*, the first Russian gay newspaper, hit the streets of Moscow. Ten thousand copies were printed by the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay Men.

Doug Wead, an anti-gay member of the Bush White House, was fired after he wrote Republican activists on White House stationery that inviting gay and lesbian activists to the signing of the Hate Crimes and Americans With Disabilities acts was a mistake.

Police and fire officials made a surprise visit to the Church of the Secret Gospel, which holds "phallic worship services."

The Polish Embassy denied that Lech Walesa made anti-gay statements. The denial came after activists changed local San Francisco street signs from Walesa to Queer Street.

Theatre Rhinoceros, a gay theatre company, signed a controversial pledge agreeing not to produce obscene material in exchange for about \$75,000 in funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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# Gay Pride '91

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

1990

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Two neo-Nazi skinheads were in jail on \$25,000 bail for the gay bashings of five gays near Orphan Andy's near Castro Street.

Gay father, teacher and comedian Tom Ammiano's campaign for a seat on the local school board began.

For the second time in a month, police officers forced the Church of the Secret Gospel on Tehama Street to shut its doors because of alleged permit violations.

Harvey Gantt netted \$80,000 on a fundraising swing in the Bay Area.

## September

The *Bay Area Reporter* published a lengthy story on the history of bathhouses and their closure in San Francisco. The newspaper editorialized that bathhouses should be allowed to re-open in the city.

A gay man was found strangled in his Dolores Street home. Police had no leads in the murder of Tom Arrington, 64.

Taped phone hate messages suggesting that the heterosexual white community should follow the late Dan White's example and "waste the mayor and take out a fag or two" were the subject of a police investigation after a new, secretive group, The National Gay Military Army, alerted Mayor Art Agnos to the threats.

A Superior Court jury awarded \$242,000 to the lover of a gay man and his relatives after the Neptune Society, a local cremation firm, lost the ashes of Robert Saari, a gay man who died of AIDS. The jury ruled that Neptune had acted with malicious intent in covering up the incident.

The Hoffman-La Roche pharmaceutical firm announced it would drop many eligibility restrictions for obtaining ddC, an experimental AIDS drug, outside of clinical trials.

A Florida dentist was accused by a female patient of infecting her with AIDS during a routine molar extraction. The dentist, David Acer, died after sending a letter to patients saying that he had followed Centers for Disease Control guidelines for medical personnel infected with AIDS.

Hyperthermia was ruled useless as an AIDS therapy by the National Institutes of Health.

Eight thousand women attended the 15th Michigan Womyn's Festival.

National Gay Rights Advocates appointed Paul Di Donato as legal director.

Two men who attacked Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) in June were placed on probation and fined \$170 a piece.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors included sexual orientation in a hate crimes bill after news accounts surfaced about the omission in the *Bay Area Reporter*. The omission was a "clerical error," according to the board.

ACT UP/San Francisco split into two chapters over a cumbersome process for consensus decision-making and whether the group's AIDS focus should be expanded to include other political agendas.

The AIDS Quilt was vandalized by members of a straight singles club while panels were on display in a Miami hotel.

Ray Baxter was named director of the local Health Department. Baxter, 43, was the former head of the New York Health and Hospitals Corp.

The International Commission on Human Rights for Gay and Lesbian People formed to aid the developing Soviet gay movement.

The Coalition to Fight Fake Moralists whipped up anti-gay opposition to Prop. K and endorsed the Rev. Jim Robinson, a religious fundamentalist, for supervisor. The group said that "homosexuals must be silenced or driven out of town." The *Bay Area Reporter* later discovered that the group was run by a male to female transsexual.

Queer Nation activists invaded Union Street and its largely straight bars for a "Girls Night Out."

Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center Director Dennis Barrie was being tried on obscenity charges regarding seven controversial Robert Mapplethorpe photographs, which were part of a 175-photo retrospective display of the late photographer's work.

A four-minute video shown at a Nashville General Motors convention to 12,000 Chevrolet dealers called foreign competitors' pickup trucks either "big or some little faggot truck." Gay and civil rights groups expressed outrage. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously denounced the comment, demanded an apology and threatened a boycott.

## October

The KGB was blamed in the burglary of *Tema*, according to activist Roman Kalinin, the publisher. Money and documents related to the paper were stolen from his apartment/office.

Local Queer Nation activists held a demonstration in front of the Canadian Consulate to protest anti-gay violence by Montreal police.

A needle-exchange program began in Berkeley in an attempt to slow the spread of AIDS.

Gov. George Deukmejian vetoed a bill prohibiting insurers from denying prescription drugs, including expensive AIDS drugs, to patients.

Kevin Gogin was named coordinator of the local gay support program for gay and lesbian students in the San Francisco School District.

Ryan White's grave was vandalized in Indiana.

Deborah Glick became the first openly lesbian member of the New York State Assembly.

A plan to fly the gay Rainbow flag over the state Capitol was nixed an hour after the flag was raised on National Coming Out Day. The flag-raising was approved by the

Joint Rules Committee, but a Deukmejian appointee ordered it down. Republican candidate for governor Pete Wilson announced that he supported Deukmejian's decision to order it down and would never have allowed the flag to be raised. Although other non-state and non-feder-

al flags have been unfurled over the Capitol, Deukmejian's office denied this.

A pro-bono attorney for National Gay Rights Advocates announced that the firm would represent former Navy midshipman Peter Laska, 23, who was booted out of the Navy because he was gay. The NROTC ordered him to repay \$27,000 in scholarships and informed his parents that they would be sued for the funds if Laska didn't pay them.

The University of Pennsylvania and other schools around the country, including Harvard and Princeton, continued to press the ROTC to

## Metropolitan Community Church celebrated its 20th anniversary

change its anti-discriminatory policies or be kicked off campus.

The *Bay Area Reporter* endorsed lesbian activists Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg as candidates for supervisor.

Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center Director Dennis Barrie was cleared of violating local obscenity laws. Barrie had been tried for displaying five photos depicting gay sexuality and two nude photos of children. The jury deliberated only eight hours.

An East Bay plasma center was closed after a donor selling blood received someone else's in a mix-up during plasma extraction. The FDA closed the center and ordered it to notify anyone it sold blood to. The FDA also said the center had no pre-screening process to educate donors what being "at risk" for AIDS meant.

A comprehensive family leave policy was adopted by the Civil Service Commission. The changes for city workers allow them to take a year off to care for ailing family members, including domestic partners, elders or children. The recommendations were made by the Mayor's Family Policy Task Force chaired by Roberta Achtenberg.

Congress passed a ban on "poppers" and sent the bill to the Joint Senate House Conference.

Three white supremacists who plotted the May arson of a Seattle gay bar were on trial.

Charges that SFPD Capt. Richard Cairns struck two people with his 26-inch baton during the Oct. 6, 1989 Castro Street police sweep were sustained by Chief Frank Jordan.

The Denver City Council passed a civil rights ordinance that protected gays and lesbians from discrimination.

Stanford University approved domestic partners benefits, including housing and health benefits.

The House refunded the National Endowment for the Arts for a three-year period, rejecting attempts to abolish the agency or restrict content of federally subsidized art.

Quentin Kopp was revealed to be the signer of a June petition to place anti-gay candidate for supervisor Jim Robinson on the ballot.

Metropolitan Community Church, with 300 congregations around the world, celebrated its 20th anniversary.

The ARC/AIDS Vigil celebrated its fifth anniversary.

The *Bay Area Reporter* endorsed Tom Ammiano for School Board.

An LA judge ruled that Tim Curran, a gay man, had the right to sue the Boy Scouts of America after a Walnut Creek chapter refused to allow him to be a scoutmaster because he was gay. Curran is a former Eagle Scout.

Gay and civil rights activists held a demonstration at the Civic Center to protest Christian fundamentalist Larry Lea's three-day "prayer warrior" convention. Lea had vowed to exorcise the demons of homosexuality and homelessness during his revival.

More than 300,000 people attended Halloween night festivities on Castro Street.

## November

Congress approved a broad-based immigration measure that included a repeal of restrictions on lesbians and gays as well as people with HIV infection.

Lesbian entertainer Holly Near announced that she would take legal action against supervisorial candidate Jim Robinson for his unauthorized use of a song and her image in an anti-gay election videotape slamming domestic partners.

Congress increased spending for AIDS to \$1.9 billion in 1991, including \$350 million for the Ryan White AIDS Care package. The bill originally authorized \$4.4 billion over five years.

South African gay activists held their first gay pride parade.

In an overwhelming victory for the lesbian and gay community, voters passed Prop. K, the domestic partners initiative, by 54 percent and elected progressive lesbians Roberta Achtenberg and Carole Migden to the Board of Supervisors. Tom Ammiano was elected to the School Board.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Army had to allow gay Sgt. Perry Watkins to re-enlist. The action applied only to Perry, who sued

the Army after he was booted out for being homosexual.

A neo-Nazi skinhead (with the unlikely name Brandon Rosenberg) and his associate Thomas Miles were bound over for trial in the August gay bashing of five people near Castro Street. Bail was upped from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for Rosenberg and to \$30,000 for Miles.

Gay poet James Merrill was awarded the Bobbitt Prize for his 1988 volume *The Inner Room* by the Library of Congress.

President Bush refused to sign the Orphan Drug Act, which gave incentives to drug companies to develop medications for rare diseases.

Lesbian activist Jean Harris fired a salvo at Mayor Art Agnos, calling his weak support for Prop. K "homophobic." Others accused Agnos of "plantation politics" for his political style. Harris was the campaign manager for Prop. K. Pollsters attributed the 12,000 people registered to vote by Prop. K volunteers as the reason for the Lavender Sweep.

GM Chairman Robert Stempel apologized for the anti-gay remarks in a promotional videotape seen by 12,000 Chevy dealers.

A reward of \$2,500 was offered in the August murder of Tom Arrington, a gay man. The reward was posted by the Chamber of Commerce during the kickoff of its "Secret Witness" hotline.

The Chancellor of the University of California system urged the Department of Defense to rescind anti-gay policies.

Experts continued to debate whether oral sex transmitted HIV infection.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) suffered a mild heart attack but was expected to fully recover.

Galleys of columnist Carl Rowan's latest book, *Breaking Barriers*, revealed that he was told by late NY Rep. John Rooney that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover played Rooney portions of a wiretap indicating that the late Martin Luther King Jr. may have had sexual relations with Ralph Abernathy.

Willis Casey replaced Frank Jordan as chief of police. Jordan resigned in mid-October amidst speculation that he might run for mayor.

San Francisco honored Russian gay activist Roman Kalinin during his U.S. tour stop here. Mayor Art Agnos declared the day of his visit Roman Kalinin Day.

## December

Gay restaurateur and drag impresario Jerry Coletti, a former emperor of the Imperial Court, was sued in San Francisco Superior Court, for allegedly embezzling \$2.5 million in funds from a property management firm where he worked. The firm accused Coletti of using the funds to buy the Galleon Restaurant. Twenty-five John Does were named in the suit.

Misdemeanor charges filed against a man who attacked lesbians in front of Club Q

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# HAND IN HAND TOGETHER

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were upgraded to felony battery charges. The assailant, Donald Gordon, faces three years in prison for the incident.

World AIDS Day focused on the problems of women with AIDS and the invisibility and neglect they experience in the health care and social service systems.

The *Marin Independent Journal* began listing same-sex unions in their celebrations listings. The *Everett Herald* (Wash.) began listing domestic partnership and same-sex unions a month earlier.

Following the win of Prop. K and state Assemblyman John Burton's announcement that he would introduce legislation to legalize gay marriage in California, Secretary of State March Fong Eu announced the secretary of state's office would allow unmarried couples, including lesbians and gays, to register their family units as unincor-

## In an overwhelming victory for the lesbian and gay community, voters passed Proposition K.

porated associations.

One hundred activists protested the appearance of the comedian Gallagher at the Circle Star Theatre following his anti-gay remarks in a comedy routine at Caesar's Lake Tahoe.

Roman Kalinin, Soviet activist and publisher of *Tema*, expressed fear for his life after gay activist Alexander Lukeshev was found murdered and leaders of a gay group were charged with violating Soviet laws prohibiting anal intercourse between men.

Following demands from ACT UP, the National Institute of Allergic and Infectious Diseases sponsored a National Conference on Women and HIV Infection. It was the first government conference on women and AIDS.

A U.S. District Court judge ruled that fired FBI agent Frank Buttino, 45, could question FBI officials about their hiring policies regarding lesbians and gays and the agency must release all records regarding the employment of gay people since 1985. In addition, the judge ordered the release of the agency's personal policies and practices regarding hiring and employment of all FBI agents during that time.

Pierre Ludington was appointed to the Health Commission seat held by the late Jim Foster. ▼

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The Yes on S Domestic Partners Campaign raised \$30,000 for earthquake relief in the lesbian and gay community, but the Red Cross and Catholic Charities balked at accepting the funds.

William B. Allen, the head of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, resigned under fire following his appearance at a conference on homosexuality and social policy organized by right-wing religious fundamentalists and anti-gay activists. Allen gave a speech entitled "Blacks, Animals, Homosexuals: What Is a Minority?"

November

Two lesbians were appointed by a local Lutheran congregation as assistant pastors. Phyllis Zillhart and Ruth Frost, a Minneapolis couple, were appointed to share the single assistant pastorate of St. Francis Lutheran Church in the Castro district. The calling of the women defied a church ban on ordaining non-celibate lesbians or gays as pastors, and the congregation faces suspension from the arch-conservative Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the action.

Domestic partners legislation went down in defeat by 1,700 votes out of the 166,402 cast in the election.

The latest in a major shake-up of the Police Department was announced by Chief of Police Frank Jordan. His brother, Deputy Chief Jack Jordan, resigned from the department rather than be demoted to captain for his role in the Oct. 6 police action in the Castro.

The controversy regarding National Gay Rights Advocates turned ugly in November when the directors of four leading gay legal organizations denounced the terminations of Ben Schatz and Cynthia Goldstein from NGRA amidst charges of staff abuse by executive Jean O'Leary. The lawyers had their files confiscated and the locks were changed at the offices. A week after the terminations, allegations that O'Leary received a percentage of the funds raised by the organization, and misled donors in mawkish direct mail pieces and spent only 20 the budget on legal services created a furor.

December

Revelations also surfaced that a member of the NGRA board had recommended that O'Leary receive treatment at the Betty Ford Clinic. O'Leary resigned on Dec. 4 after the *Bay Area Reporter* broke the story of her sexually abusive comments about Goldstein.

NGRA was founded by Don Knutson, a gay rights attorney formerly with the Pride Foundation. During his tenure for Pride, Knutson worked without a salary, but received a gift of \$20,000 from a supporter for his services. The money was channeled through Pride, which had non-profit tax-exempt status. ▼

## Some Thoughts on Our Mission

by Ray O'Loughlin

Just as San Francisco's gay and lesbian community has changed greatly in the past 20 years, so too has the *Bay Area Reporter*. When gay news meant the latest dish, B.A.R. ran it. When gay news came to mean life and death issues demanding detailed coverage, B.A.R. grew into the job to let readers see what was really happening out there in the big, bad world.

When I first moved to San Francisco, one thing I learned immediately was to read every issue of the B.A.R. Good or bad, low-life dish or high-minded reporting, you just had to pick it up to know what was going on around town. A sense of connection with the community came off every page — along with the ink to smudge your fingers. Quality could vary but the sheer quantity of news, community announcements, gossip — a crucial element in any true community — and entertainment and sporting events all made B.A.R. required reading.

Some readers would complain that the paper was not "objective," to which we would respond, yes. Objectivity, that sanctified and sanctimonious buzzword of mainstream journalism, did not mean fairness. It was not something to be trusted in gay journalism. After all, we stood for something — for the liberation of a community. Objectivity, to me, was the blather you read everyday in the *Chronicle*. Objectivity was what required reporters to find that one tourist from Cleveland was outraged and disgusted to see a spectacle like the Gay Freedom Day Parade.

I wouldn't call it "in your face" journalism, but B.A.R. never shrank from an oppor-

tunity to "blow it out of proportion" in cases when "proportion" threatened gay and lesbian rights and dignity. We went to those news conferences and interviews to ask the pointed questions that some people would rather not have asked. We gave space to facts and opinions others would not print.

We raised doubts. We raised hackles. Just ask Rep. William Dannemeyer, one of our readers, who became so incensed he ranted on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, waving a copy of the *Bay Area Re-*

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porter. I forget his exact insults, but I suppose they included something like filthy rag, not deserving to be printed, and so on. It was our proudest moment. I went home that day knowing that I was doing my job right.

I don't know if Dannemeyer is still a B.A.R. reader — I suspect he is — but I found out how loyal many readers are to the paper. If ever it was late in appearing at a regular stop on Thursday morning, I got the angriest calls from demanding readers. Missing papers and an occasional "Frisco" in a headline would generate the most queenly

irate calls and letters to the editor.

*Bay Area Reporter* not only covers the gay community, it is an institution in the community, a factor in the cohesion of that community. It's a member of the family. Not only does it report the news and arts of the community, but the living and dying as well. One of the remarkable changes in those two decades is, of course, the addition of the obituaries. Sadly, one of the most closely read sections of the paper, the obits grew from a few every week to a few more and then a dozen or two. It's a touching and unique contribution of this paper to its community.

Of course, this family is a cantankerous one, full of heated squabbles and passionate debate. When B.A.R. devoted pages to the now-forgotten issue of bathhouse closures, we were trashed as pimps for the owners. Later, when we began asking questions of the many AIDS service organizations in the Bay Area, we were criticized by some who felt we were farting in church. But we believed that we should apply a sense of accountability to our own community as well as to City Hall or the state government. The series ran despite some "stonewalling," if you will, from some agencies.

Growth is always something exciting to watch and be part of and growth certainly describes the two decades of the *Bay Area Reporter*. Not only growth in size from 32 pages to 48, and then to 64 or more, but more importantly in quality. What was once a bar gossip sheet is now truly a community newspaper: comprehensive, lively, and committed to its community.

Ray O'Loughlin is a former *Bay Area Reporter* news editor.

AIDS

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without putting themselves at risk for infection. Condoms are being distributed in bars, schools, back alleys and bookstores. Affected families are being fed. Roofs are being kept over people's heads.

Without additional government dollars, they note, all that has been won is at risk.

Simply, more money is needed. AIDS lobbyists are pushing hard for a full \$3 billion in federal money to fight AIDS in the coming fiscal year. But all indications suggest that they will receive only a fraction of that amount.

For these AIDS groups, their last hope is to make an end-run for public awareness and sympathy through the media.

They are trying, as Christen said, "to make the epidemic real" for America again. They are trying to get



SANOE returns to the Golden Gate Bridge Jan. 31, 1990, one year after shutting it down. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

the media off of its recent binge of stories about patients and organ recipients getting AIDS though rare means and back onto the center of the epidemic and the vast majority of people living and dying with AIDS and their needs.

"We are trying to appeal to taxpayers' common sense," said Sweeney.

And to do that they will be pulling out all the stops in lobbying and advertising to

press lawmakers into backing up what many say are their heartfelt convictions about caring for people with AIDS.

"How long do we have to wait until the country wakes up to the devastation that is laying waste to our communities?" said Sweeney. "I don't know how else we can convince people in Washington that our pain is real. Our people are dying." ▼



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# Sophisticated Visionary

Duane Michals Keeps Asking Questions in His Search for Truth

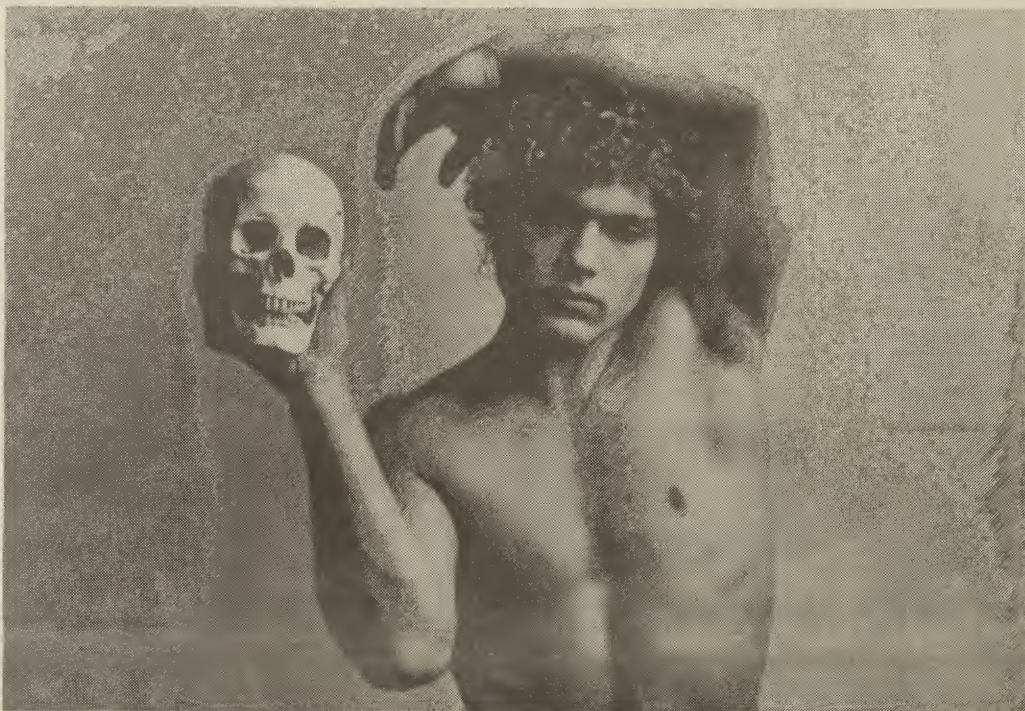
by David Hirsh

**S**ince his first solo exhibit of photographs in 1963, in New York's Underground Gallery, Duane Michals has shown in hundreds of museums and galleries around the world, including a few in San Francisco. He has published a multitude of books. A first American retrospective of his work, which will tour numerous cities, offers 120 images at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art until Aug. 18.

Michals is a sophisticated visionary who uses funny, magical and surreal techniques to narrate levels of intimacy. For a couple decades he has incorporated handwritten text with his photographs, generating a naive immediacy. His models, as often as not, are stripped naked.

While his portraits of celebrities may be set in unexpectedly humble environments, his stories of everyday life reach for the sublime. He increasingly photographs children and writes in rhymes. Investigations of innocence and initiation are tied to an idea of freedom which revolves in cycles of experience.

Michals was born in 1932 in the same Pennsylvania town as Andy Warhol, who was a couple years older, and, also like Warhol, to Czech immigrant parents. Michals' photographs of Warhol are famous, though their friendship was limited to a period when opening an antique store was Warhol's dream. Michals still works, or plays, in a dream of Manhattan.



Duane Michals, *All Things Mellow in the Mind*, 1986; gelatin silver print.

All things mellow in the mind./ A sleight of hand, a trick of time,/ And even our great love will fade./ Soon we'll be strangers in the grave./ That's why this moment is so dear./ I kiss your lips and we are here./ So let's hold tight, and touch, and feel./ For this quick instant we are real.

Whether it's work or play, it's energetic, quick and gentle. The artist recently talked about his work in a townhouse off the lower end of Park Avenue.

## Unsolvable Obsessions

"My work has been a steady evolution. It's been like a Chinese box, always with another box inside. It's always about ideas, and the

nice thing has been realizing my obsessions: death and eroticism. I'll never solve them."

Michals then segued into talking about his career beginnings.

"I started out doing portraits and my style has been consistent. I was lucky because I never went to photography school, so I never learned the rules. If there's

such a thing as a 'natural,' I'm a natural.

"At 26 I went to Russia, with no plans to be a photographer. I borrowed a camera for the trip and naturally gravitated toward portraits. I could have made a career out of doing documentaries, a la August Sander or Richard Avedon, but for me it was the beginning. That trip literally changed my life.

"Back in New York, I had a party one night, and someone asked if they could bring a friend, photographer Danny Entin. He looked at my prints, said they were wonderful, and that he had a studio with a big skylight which he didn't use on weekends. Would I like to use it? He also insisted that I learn how to handle a camera.

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## The End of the New

by Eric Hellman

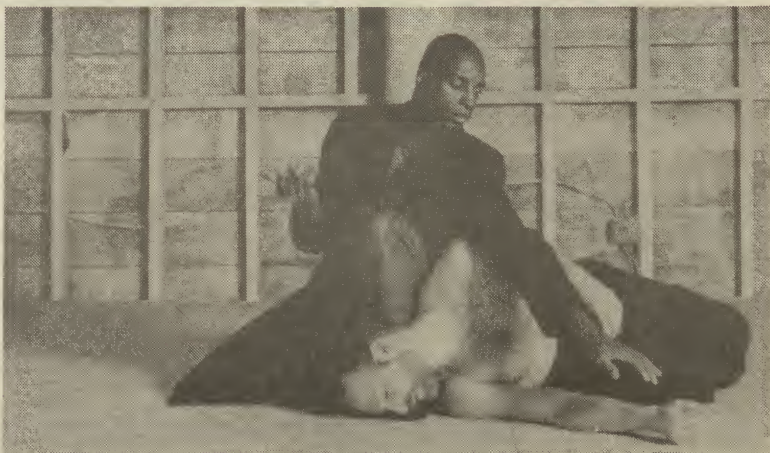
**I** just returned from the annual Dance Critics Association meeting in New York, where I found myself pleasantly surprised by the level of intellectual zest, the diversity of presentations and a general tenor of professional courtesy and respect—it seemed we had all decided to leave our rivalries (and sharpened fangs) at home.

I was also surprised (provoked, really, in a deep and mind-bending way) that a consensus of sorts seemed to emerge: one that radically alters the perspective of the

dance critic (and, perhaps, inevitably) of the dancer and the dance audience as we enter the '90s—the "post-boom" era, the post-Balanchine age, a time of reduced dance dollars and increased cross-cultural and multicultural influences on the theatrical stage.

Our consensus (achieved circuitously and informally and requiring distinct, vigorously argued interpretations by each of the critics gathered in NYC) was, most simply and crudely, that the idea of the avant-garde is dead. And it's dead for a whole bunch of reasons.

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Ben Carter, left, and Stephen Pelton presented an evening of dances at Footwork this past weekend. (Photo: Steve Savage)

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**Out There**

**GAY AND FUNNY TIDBITS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

by Daniel Mangin and Kevin Davis

**HOLLY AND PHRANC:**

Overheard at the New York film festival was Holly Hughes, asking Sadie Benning (whose *Jollies* is part of Friday's "Gender Provocations" gay film fest program at the Roxie) if the latter would do a video for "my girlfriend, Phranc." Holly Hughes and Phranc, a talented couple if e'er there were one.



Coosome twosome? Holly Hughes, left, and Phranc.

**LIES, LIES:** "You lied to us," screamed a disgruntled OUT THERE reader to one of your humble writers at the opening of the gay film festival. "You print that beautiful photo (B.A.R., March 28) of those hunky guys and say there's going to be a new Gregg Araki film (*The Living End*) at the festival and then no such thing happens." Well, dear readers, we weren't the only ones duped by the nefarious Marcus Hu of Strand Releasing, Araki's distributor. In fact we're in right good company. *Interview* magazine (June) ran a profile of the filmmaker as well, based on the supposed booking of the film at the SF gay fest. Tsk, tsk, Mr. Hu, for leading us on as you did.

**READY FOR SUN-DANCE:** The peculiar Mr. Araki hopes to have *The Living End*, a "gay road picture," finished in time for the Sundance Festival, says Hu. In the meantime, Araki, whose other films are *Three Bewildered People in the Night* and *Long Weekend O'Despair*, is also working on his fourth feature, *Totally Fucked Up*, about which Hu would only say, with a knowing chuckle, that it is being made in part with NEA money. Strand Releasing, which distributes Emmett Lewis' homoerotic *Natural History of Parking Lots*, has just bought the film rights to Dennis Cooper's *Frisk*.

**ATTENTION, FORWARD MARCH:** In issue No. 22 of *The Leather Journal*, a report of interest begins, "A new organization, The Regiment, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has formed. The new club's advertisement states, '... Our focus is upon the essence of intense homomale sexuality. Our method is to provide a training pattern for toymen who are ready to explore the whole man within them.... The purpose of The Regiment is to draw together those Leathermen who are serious about exploring and expressing all that is most harmoniously powerful in the god-animal we call Man.'"

**HUSBAND LOVE:** The July *Interview* teases that the mag's September issue will feature a portfolio of Herb Ritts photographs of Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris selected from the upcoming book, *Duo*.

**OK, WE'LL DO IT:** In the May *Ted*, published by Andy Armano, star make-up artist Kevyn Aucoin says, "I can't tell you how many times I have done an interview and told the magazine to print that I am gay and they refuse. Recently, I told *Harper's Bazaar* not to run their story on me if they weren't going to print it, but

they did, anyway. They said it wasn't relevant."

**CALLING THE USOC:** The *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* reported on the "nude Olym-Picks, a four-day event 30 miles northeast of Baltimore. The original Greek Olympic athletes understood the free feeling of nude competition for over 1,600 years," said organizer Michael Gesner. Events include track, swimming, tennis and volleyball.



Boy George in Calcutta?

**CIRCUITOUS COMEBACK TRAIL?** The June 25 *Star* reports that Boy George is helping Mother Teresa nurse the sick and poor at her mission in India.

**CAMISOLE CAPER:** In the June 20 *Sun* (of the U.K.) is a report about a woman "found guilty of indecently assaulting a 17-year-old girl who worked for her husband." The woman received a suspended jail sentence. The specifics: "Mazena Feneche grabbed Samantha Thornton's breasts after persuading her to try on a black satin camisole. Feneche, 24, burst into the room as Samantha changed and told her, 'You really turn me on. I fancy you.'"

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE:** The *Daily Mirror* June 20 adds to the camisole caper, "The court heard the girl has received psychiatric treatment and neighbors have been calling the couple 'perverts'."

**YES THEY DO:** Andrew Sillett writes in the June 16 *News of the World*, "Angry parents have barred their kids from a library after a Left-wing council displayed books on lesbianism. The titles placed at the entrance to the children's section include *More Serious Pleasure: Les-*

*bian and Erotic Stories*, *Deep Down: New Sensual Writing by Women*, and *The Condom Book for Girls*." The display is at Tottenham Green, North London. School Governor Joy Cole said, "They don't need that stuff rammed down their throats."

**JUDGE SHOWS HIS TRUE COLORS:** LynNell Hancock writes in her "Female Trouble" (*Village Voice* column re the *Rust v. Sullivan* decision), "Bush's choice, mystery man David Souter, is a mystery no longer. He and four other male judges virtually yanked open their flies and pissed over the Constitution they were appointed to uphold." Well, at least they did it in private, no doubt knowing that they were getting ready to uphold the nude dancing ban in Fort Wayne, Ind. The next time someone (like Ed the Anarchist — or is it the Antichrist?) tells you there's no difference between the (however bumbling) Democrats and the Republicans, remember these Republican-appointed judges, who'll be crapping all over gay rights (and civil rights and minority rights and affirmative action) before their evil course is run. Why do these Republicans get elected? Oh yes, because they're "fiscally responsible," like Reagan and Bush. Ha. Ha.

**POOR FAGGOT RUNS ON:** In the first issue of *Adversary*, published by the Helvetica Bold Generation, is the following uncredited prose: "I used to think I wasn't cool because I had a job and nobody else seemed to then I found out all the cool people in cheap leather jackets and torn jeans who made me feel so uncool were all lawyers and city planners and architects and I wasn't cool because I had a shitty job and it all looked so easy to live without a job and be artsy but of course I found out that's if you have a trust fund and there are kids from Marin who drive over the bridge on weekends in their BMWs all scruffy looking and they beg for change at Church and Market and sleep on benches and Sunday nights they get back into their BMWs and drive back to Marin and now at last I realize that of all the bohemians in Flore I am the only one who really can't afford to spend more than .80 on a cup of coffee that I'd gotten it all wrong and I was the only poor faggot in the whole world." ▼

# Feisty Queers Network, Party At Chicago 'Zine Convergence

by Rachel Pepper

From Don't Tell Jane and Frankie to Fertile LaToyah Jackson, from J.D.'s to Thing, from Cunt to Sister Nobody, and from Bimbox to Screambox to Fuzz Box, they were there.

No, these are not the names of punk rock bands, Saturday morning cartoons or even new types of breakfast cereal. Rather, these are the names of only some of the many publications that were on display — along with their respective editors, of course — at SPEW, the queer nation's first ever homographic (read 'zine) convergence, which crashed through Chicago over Memorial Day weekend.

The convergence was designed to boldly do what no one had done before: to unite the whole underground network of feisty queers who self-publish those little acts of photocopied terrorism fondly referred to as "zines."

The flier for SPEW, sent out only about a month before the gathering, read like an anarchist's wet dream. "No boring panels, no pointless workshops, no brainless keynote speeches, no sleep," it trumpeted. Instead, the flier promised multitudes of 'zines and their editors, performances, projections, drag, cruising, ranting and "shit-loads of noisy dykes and fags." And what it promised, it more than delivered.

## Their Own Party

Although SPEW was an event which was open to an appreciative, as well as paying, public, most 'zine editors treated the day as their own very large, private party. And if meeting editors, perusing their 'zines and watching them fawn all over each other



"Screambox is dinner conversation" across the U.S., in Canada, Great Britain and Athens, Greece, claim its LA-based editors.

wasn't enough, one could also view six hours of continual drag and performance in a side room, or catch some of the all-day screenings of independent queer videos, including Bruce LaBruce's *No Skin Off My Ass*, Wigstock footage, Sadie Benning and Susie Silver shorts, and other goodies that don't necessarily make the rounds of gay and lesbian film festivals.

Although the crowd attending SPEW was primarily white and primarily male, some of the strongest showings were by lesbians and

queers of color. *Screambox*, a dyke 'zine from LA, sold out all but a few copies of their second issue by mid-afternoon, and San Francisco's *On Our Rag*, *Girl Jock* and *Cunt* were snatched up by both the straight and gay men and women attending. Vaginal Creme Davis, "blacktress" editor of *Fertile LaToyah Jackson*, was much in demand as an interview subject, and the table sporting *Thing*, a black queer 'zine based in Chicago, was a hub of activity all afternoon.

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## Books

# White Whips Up Fury

by Brandon Judell

Everyone knows Edmund is the most perverse person in the world and will do anything to whip up a minor fury. — Famous Gay Celebrity Requesting Anonymity

"I'm sorry, Edmund White is in Paris until January," said the receptionist for the Brown University English Department, where the noted novelist teaches. The more cynical among us might surmise that the author has fled the country as opposed to taking a well-deserved sabbatical.

Why would White flee? Especially since just two Sundays ago he wrote a well-meaning yet dull essay for the *New York Times* on the gay literary world, "Out of the Closet, Onto the Bookshelf," which droned, "Gay fiction, written by anguished writers for readers in disarray, is under extraordinary pressures. Holocaust literature, exiles' literature, convicts' literature — these are the only possible

parallels that spring to mind. Seldom has such an elusive and indirect artistic form as fiction been required to serve so many urgent needs at once."

This essay, important because of the audience it was reaching, had none of the flourishes or charm of White's fiction, prose that has been acclaimed by the likes of Nabokov. Yet for all its at-times rash conclusions and omissions, the commentary was never fatuous.

## Risible Intro

But what is totally risible, and what is causing editors at major publishing houses to guffaw, is White's intro to Michael Grumley's posthumous novel, *Life Drawing* (Grove Weidenfeld; \$17.95; Pub Date: September '91). Take the opening paragraph: "Sex has gotten a bad name recently, but this book reminds us that sex is something worth dying for. It's rare that we read a book by a handsome man; most writers are so homely that only the best of the lot rate being



Edmund White

called "distinguished." But Michael Grumley was both handsome and manly, and this autobiographical novel reveals that beautiful men are not like you and me. For one thing, they get to be with other beauties. Their sex isn't hungry, grateful, greedy, or choked with emotion. It expresses emotion. Calmly. Radiantly."

A major editor of gay books noted on the gay computer bulletin board, Male Stop, "Oh my God, we were passing around the White in-

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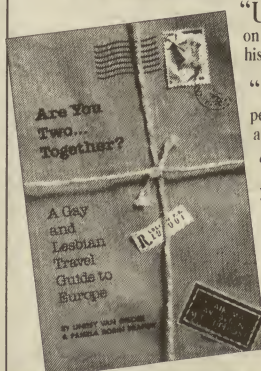
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# Play Explores Politics of Drag

by Noreen C. Barnes

Saturday night, Parade eve, is the opening of Sky Gilbert's pointed social satire, *Drag Queens in Outer Space*, at Theatre Rhinoceros. Iris Landsberg directs the three-actor show, in which the comic device of drag helps to emphasize the play's serious commentary, not only about inner and outer space, but about gender identity, stereotypes and the social masks we wear. But *Drag Queens* is not a "drag show."

Landsberg, known to Theatre Rhinoceros audiences for her portrayal of Helen in Judy Grahn's *Queen of Swords* and the director of *Gertrude Stein and a Companion*, calls the

drag in the play a "frame" that she wants the audience "to see beyond," while being aware how it underscores the play's theme — that of "being willing to risk who you are." "Drag queens," she says, "dare to expose who they are — and therefore can inspire us to be a little more of who we are."

This particular production, being about risks, is itself taking a risk with a very different interpretation of the work than the touring production of it that played last August at Theatre Rhinoceros. Last year's show was performed by Toronto's Buddies in Bad Times company and starred the playwright, Gilbert, the prolific artistic director of that theatre.

Landsberg found in directing that she related to the actors as women when they were in drag, and her perspective, in terms of the acting and sexuality in the piece, was a lesbian one. In fact, her "assumptions about sensuality transcended gender" and her "lesbian perspective of sensuality transferred to the drag characters." The "actors responded as if it was natural," reinforcing that "our differences are taught, and can be unlearned."

The director doesn't think that female bodies are objectified — the actors don't make fun of women's bodies, but rather have fun with women's bodies. In many plays, drag is used strictly for comic effect, particularly when men are in female drag. But in the last few years, women have been using male drag as a very serious feminist social metaphor, and some of that critical intent has affected men's use of drag in their performances as well. This is evident in *Drag Queens*. Landsberg regards it as "how we present ourselves to the world, which determines how we are perceived, how we relate to others, and sometimes, how we dehumanize each other."

Drew Todd, an actor, dancer and choreographer who has appeared with a number of local groups, plays Lana Lust. He says that "the show points out graphically the danger in being what you are not. You're constantly searching for something that will fit and nothing ever does." Todd sees drag as "a courageous act, and thus a political act."

"Ann Drogynous" has been performing with the Glamazon for the past year. He played Nicole in the San Jose Civic Light Opera's production



From left to right, *Drag Queens in Outer Space* cast members Ann Drogynous, John Ferreira and Drew Todd.

of *La Cage aux Folles*, and has performed in LA and New York. Ann does local benefit performances, but *Drag Queens* is his first drag role that requires much more acting than maintaining one persona. Ann, who plays Marlene Daylorme, loves the "transformation" of drag, as well as its "taboo." It has "nothing to do with wanting to be a woman," he says, but rather is an expression of feminine energy he repressed for so long — "honest, emotional, passionate."

John Ferreira is Judy Goose in *Drag Queens*. He developed three separate female characters, and worked on his roles by observing women, never attempting to do them as "man-as-woman." Landsberg did, he says, have to keep reminding

him that he "was a man underneath."

The set of *Drag Queens* is designed by Alan Greenspan, best known for his show-stopping creations for *Beach Blanket Babylon*. Creator of the extravaganza of costumes for the show is Ralph Sauer, a former Cockette who also has had a long career in local theatre. Best known for his award-winning set and costume designs for *Holy Cow*, Sauer is also a performer himself, in New Zealand and at San Francisco's Club DV8.

**Editor's note:** *Drag Queens in Outer Space* plays through Aug. 3 at Theatre Rhinoceros. Call 861-5079 for ticket reservations and information. ▼

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## Performance

David MacLean's *Quarantine of the Mind*

# Small Moments in a Large History

by Christian Huygen

At the age of 15, David MacLean was already a drag queen. At 27, the Canadian writer and performer produced and directed Robert Chesley's notorious and celebrated play *Jerker* in Toronto — and then made a video documentary about the late San Francisco playwright.

Currently, at 29, he's bringing his solo performance *Quarantine of the Mind* to major cities in the United States and Canada — with the financial support of the Canadian government. Last Saturday, he presented the piece for one performance only to a packed house at New Langton Arts.

## Startlingly Ambitious

The work is startlingly ambitious. It's nothing short of an attempt to evoke the entire gay white male experience of the early years of the AIDS crisis, wars, and all.

Everything's here: the characters go to demos, gossip, go dancing, go to the beach, talk on the phone, run, swim, stumble through denial, indifference, fear, acceptance and activism, drink, stop drinking, scold people for having unsafe sex in pub-



David MacLean's *Quarantine of the Mind* is an attempt to evoke the entire gay white male experience of the early years of AIDS.

lic bathrooms, and practice their bowling technique. MacLean portrays every single member of a safer-sex discussion group, an apathetic queen who can't attempt a demo because he has to go shopping for antiques and a man who meets a friend in a restaurant, grills him desperately about whether or not unprotected oral sex is safe, and then cries, "Are you still eating cheese and eggs? The cholesterol will kill you!"

MacLean even plays white blood cells, as well as the villainous virus itself. His theatrical skill and precise characterizations, along with the piece's formal complexity and sophistication, far outweigh any momentary excesses of sincerity or schmaltz.

In one of the piece's finest sequences, a man is getting ready to swim laps in a pool while telling a friend about his resistance to getting tested

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Joseph Hong is a Khmer Rouge soldier in Mark Knego's *Snakes of Kampuchea*. (Photo: Laurie Gallant)

## Horrific Metaphor

by Deborah Peifer

There are certain things that can be counted on in this world. Every generation or so, some national or ethnic group decides to annihilate some other group. The destruction is always necessary to defend liberty or racial purity or ideological correctness or something.

In this century, the killing became so thorough that a new word, genocide, had to

spectacle, would be impossible to conceive. *Snakes* tells the story of the rise of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, their destruction of the country, and the decision of some Cambodians to flee the country and seek asylum in the West. The plot is extensive enough to be a maxi-series, and as a first step, Knego might consider reworking the piece as several plays, each concentrating more intensely on a particular aspect of the history of Cambodia.

### Tremendous Potential

The play is flawed, with many of the problems that regularly occur in new work. The focus is diffuse, and there is both too much detail in terms of history and too little detail in terms of characterization. These objections, however, are offered as a means to improve a script that has tremendous potential, both as a piece of theatre and as a political accusation.

The use of the snake, as a corporeal metaphor, is vivid and compelling. Comrade Nin (Montgomery Hom) explains, with terrifying simplicity, its importance: "The snake taught us how to kill our people." The appearance of a masked actor, slithering around the stage, delivering death and annihilation, is chilling and tremendously effective.

*Snakes of Kampuchea* is a sometimes riveting, sometimes tedious piece of theatre. It deserves our attention for its occasionally brilliant theatricality and for its important reminder that the deliberate destruction of any them must invariably result in the annihilation of all of us. ▼

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be coined to name the horror. The Turks slaughtered the Armenians, the Nazis slaughtered everyone, and for most of the century, we killed them, whatever they were most alien, most foreign, most threatening at the time.

In 1975, us against them became us against us, as the Khmer Rouge, in an effort to purge Cambodia of foreign influences (the them-est of them), forcibly evacuated the population of Phnom Penh to the countryside for re-education. Two million Cambodians were slaughtered in the killing fields.

*Snakes of Kampuchea*, written and directed by Mark Knego, is an attempt to speak the unspeakable, to render in theatrical metaphor a horror that, were it not so familiar a

## Marvelous Musical Chairs

by Noreen C. Barnes

James Keller's *Mozart's Journey to Prague With Detours, Diversions and an Epilogue in New York City* is a fanciful, "free adaptation" of a German Romantic novella written in 1855 by Eduard Morike, about the trip by Mozart and his wife, Constanze, to Prague, to attend the premiere of his *Don Giovanni*.

There is a detour on the trip, and quite a number of delightful diversions in this theatrically self-conscious play.

"Play" is perhaps the key concept to the piece, which includes almost every popular convention of the stage — all perfectly parodied — among them actors in multiple roles, direct address to the audience, masks, screens, parallel plots, the play-within-the-play device and other unabashedly artificial conceits.

The chief dramatic device in Albert Takazaukas' remarkable, intricate staging of this beautifully crafted work, is the playing of Mozart by Robin Karfo, a female performer known for her male role in *Hatman*, a solo piece that she also scripted.

As Mozart, Karfo is simply a wonderful, thoroughly engaging actor with a high energy, focused performance. Gender disappears, for the most part, save in some moments with Julia Elliott, who plays Mozart's wife, or with other women when there is



Julia Elliott plays Constanze and Robin Karfo is Mozart in the Magic Theatre's *Mozart's Journey*.

sexual play (and there the chemistry is given a bit of a charge by the delightful transgression).

Switching gender in performance — particularly when women are playing men — functions as sharp social commentary, and the awareness of gender adds a double edge to Mozart's comments about women. But it is also Karfo, the consummate actor, the storyteller, who makes us listen to Mozart — as an obsessed artist, gifted to the point of obscene excess, consumed, driven and haunted.

Karfo's monologues are tour de force entertainment, and her moments shadowing Michael Michalske, who plays Mozart as a young boy, are moving, as both the boy and young man struggle against a

father's harsh discipline and try to express a very simple need for one thing: love.

All of the members of the ensemble, who play multiple roles (changing identity is a concept to the piece) are quite wonderful, particularly Anni Long and Art Manke.

Visually, the work is stunning. Of special note are Barbara Mesney's exquisite marble floor, which sweeps up like a frozen wave to form the ceiling, adorned with clusters of gilt cherubs and Kurt Landisman's kaleidoscopic illumination. The visual metaphor of Sandra Woodall's period costumes, complete with charmingly ridiculous artificial wigs, is underscored at the moment when Eugenie (Signe Albertson)

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## Deaths

### Doris Fish

Aug. 11, 1952 — June 22, 1991

I don't know if Doris Fish set out to conquer the world. But it's an indisputable fact that she ruled at least whatever portion of it she came in contact with.

When Doris arrived here in 1976, San Francisco was in drag limbo. Charles Pierce's heyday at the Gilded Cage — the last blast of traditional drag — had ended. We were still reeling with the memory of the gender-fucking Cockettes. John Rothermel and Pristine Condition had abdicated, Sylvester, *sui generis*, was always more a singer than a queen, and Jane Dornacker — well, Jane really was a woman. And the Royal Court was then as it always will be, a world unto itself. We wandered in the wilderness, awaiting a new goddess of drag to lead us.

Then Doris appeared, and in a few years, transformed the drag scene in her own image, and became — well, it's insufficient to say the reigning queen — Doris was the Queen of Queens.

Doris was born Philip Mills, in a suburb of Sydney, Australia, ironically called Manly Vale. She came out as a teen in Sydney's rather frenetic gay scene of the '60s. But it wasn't until 1972, as a student in art school, that she got seriously into drag, with a performance group that called themselves Sylvia and the Synthetics.

Doris lived in a roomful of blond wood furniture his

friends nicknamed "The Doris Day Suite" and took his first name from that. And he swore "Fish" came from a cat named Lillian Fish — the misogynous vulgarity of the word being unknown in Australia.

It was that scandalous surname that first attracted me to Doris and company. I couldn't believe the queen's nerve; it was just so un-PC. I didn't know that Doris had already won the Talent Hunt sponsored by the then popular rock band cum performance troupe, the Tubes, and had appeared with them at Bimbo's. She had met Tippi and Miss X, and together they became *Sluts a-Go-Go*. This evolved into *Blonde Sin*, which ran off and on for a year at the Hotel Utah. This epic revue was followed by *Scream Girls*, *Box Office Poison* and *The Happy Hour Show*.

Director Marc Huestis presented Doris and friends in the wildly popular live soap-opera serial *Naked Brunch* at Club 181. In 1987, Doris branched into "legit" theatre with a long-run production of *Bad Seed*. But the pinnacle of Doris' theatrical ascent was attained in 1989, in the Leland Moss production of Genet's *The Balcony*, presented at Theatre Rhinoceros.

Now you might think, "With a name like that, and a look like that, you don't need talent." But Doris (and



Doris Fish

troupe) had it anyway, and what they lacked in polish they made up for in style. And as time passed, they acquired that polish, till Doris shone brighter than the tiaras and paste jewels she loved to wear; her talent was not a charade but the real thing.

Doris, who grew ever more meticulous about the application of glamour and the hours of work that lay behind her performance ease, was still heir to the anarchic tradition of the Synthetics and Cockettes. Doris, the most gracious of hosts, the most charming personality and the most glamorous of divas, never tried to pass, preferring to wobble on the edge, where there was more danger, more alertness to the

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## More Is Less

by Kate Bornstein

**C**oal Miner's Granddaughter is a video by Cecilia Dougherty. We keep asking for feature-length visions of ourselves, and finally here's a director who has the courage to make one on a limited budget. I admire this piece, because it does go against the acceptable format for a feature-length movie. But I have to admit that I did not enjoy watching it.

*Coal Miner's Granddaughter* is a series of scenes from the battered life of an essentially non-sympathetic central character. The intent may be comic — and here, I think Dougherty had the right idea — but the videomaker had neither the sense of timing nor the skill to pull off comedy. The result is 90 minutes of whining and complaining.

Dougherty appears to have deliberately chosen actors with little or no acting experience. While this sometimes works well on shorter projects, most of the performers here are unable to sustain their performances. Leslie Singer, as the lead character, has the most difficult time, as evidenced by her self-conscious smiling at the camera during every emotional moment, including the moment she's going down on her girlfriend for the first time.

Dougherty doesn't go far enough in any one direction. It's as though the director wants to challenge every aspect of mainline cinema. She



The sexual politics are loud and clear in *Snatch*.

exhausts herself by lashing out in so many directions at once. ▼

**Coal Miner's Granddaughter**  
Roxie, June 27, 9:15 p.m.

*Snatch* is a mid-length video, 40 minutes, put together by collective process. It could well be called the political art of a new separatism. While I disagree with the eye-for-an-eye (and other body parts) politics of *Snatch*, I applaud those involved for their passion and for their innovative and vital imagery.

As long as gender and sexual minorities are harassed by the dominant society, our art will be political. The message, to the white, heterosexual, male power structure in this video is loud and clear: *Get the fuck out of our faces and away from our bodies.*

Set in a suburban brothel,  
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## Sex You Up

by Robert Julian

**T**he "Sex Is" program at the gay film fest is an evening tailor-made for film buffs. This smorgasbord of nine shorts (shot in video, 16 mm, and pixelvision) offers up the kind of variety only a festival can provide. Some dishes prove more flavorful than others, but the broad spectrum of tastes makes up for an occasional fallen soufflé.

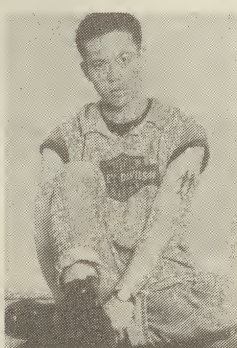
The centerpiece of the evening is *Sex Is...*, a work in progress by San Francisco filmmaker Marc Huestis. The director provides a series of talking heads, nicely posed and photographed, who share their personal experiences and feelings about sex. It's impossible to speculate on the final product, based on available footage, but there is some potential.

Watching Huestis' subjects talk, you are irresistibly forced to ask questions yourself. What does sex mean to you, and how has that meaning evolved over the years? There are, of course, no definitive answers — only personal ones. I was amazed at how much similarity there is in the individual experiences of gay men, and yet how differently these experiences are interpreted.

On the lighter side, *Why I Masturbate* is a six-minute pixelvision paean to choking-the-chicken, directed by Richard Brenin. Accompanying himself on guitar, Brenin establishes himself as the

John Denver of jerking-off.

But producer Matthew Link's *Clips From Kelly's Porn Movie* goes even further. Described in the program notes as "our favorite male Madonna," Kelly is a well-hung transvestite who narrates outtakes from her own porn flick. Funny, perky and borderline pathetic, Kelly could have walked right out of Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side."



Alex Chee talks sex in *Sex Is...*

But the *piece de resistance* of the evening is *A 25-Year-Old Gay Man Loses His Virginity To a Woman*. Director/star, Phillip B. Roth (Portnoy with no complaints?) explores his latent heterosexuality with the able assistance of Miss Annie Sprinkle. Miss Annie — a cross between Our Miss Brooks and the Happy Hooker — deflowers the ho-

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## Sweet Women

by Noreen C. Barnes

**T**he *Changer: A Record of the Times* is an hour-long documentary of the magic days of women's music — the mid-1970s through the early '80s.

Cris Williamson's classic *The Changer and the Changed* album became one of the biggest-selling records on an independent label and was an emblem of an era in lesbian history.

*The Changer* is an account of that time, using contemporary interviews with women who worked with Williamson, such as Meg Christian, Holly Near, Bonnie Raitt, Vicki Randle, Margie Adam and June Millington.

Directors Frances Reid and Judy Dlugacz use black and white film of studio sessions during the making of Williamson's album, stills, footage of the 1975 concert tour "Women on Wheels" (Near, Adam, Williamson and Christian), interspersed with the recent interviews and a 1990 concert of Williamson's at UCB's Zellerbach Hall. All of the songs in the video are from the singer's landmark album.

Christian talks about the exhilaration she and Williamson attained from each other's music, ruefully recalling her "rules for appropriate living," which the wilder Williamson countered with a kind of "out there-ness." Despite their differences, the music was central, and both share a wistfulness about that time.



Cris Williamson

### Ghosts of the Past

There is the sense throughout of "ghosts of the past" — and the shots of the recording sessions are so white and fuzzy that the effect does not seem accidental.

There was something undeniably powerful about Williamson's music. For me — as for many other women — it reflected my own awakening as a lesbian. Just being at those Williamson's concerts and watching the woman work was an incredible experience — whether in a huge downtown theatre, on a college campus, at an outdoor festival, or, as I saw the singer once, sitting among the crowd at a tiny club, watching Tret Fure play before joining her for the final set.

Although a somewhat  
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## Gay Homes

by Kate Bornstein

The gay film fest program "No Place Like Home" explores issues of family and housing as created and lived by diverse lesbians and gay men.

"Home," says Ivan Illich in his book *Gender*, has become nothing more to the assimilated lower, middle and upper classes than an address — a place to section off intimacy from the rest of the world and in which, perhaps, to practice the lost art of loving. It is not a space integrated into the whole of life.

But for the classless or those marginalized for other reasons — including sexual orientation — by society, "home" is where life is lived and where "family" is forged. Housing today, as pointed out in the British entry *Home Sweet Home*, is designed for the nuclear family, making no allowances for alternative families. In the "No Place Like Home" program we get to see how we as gay men and lesbians are reconstructing ideas of both home and family.

*The Battle of Tutenhaus* is about an East Berlin drag queen squat that was eventually forcibly closed by the police and army of the newly unified, capitalist democracy of Germany. The queens had designed their space to include rooms for 30 people, with a library, a bookstore, a cafe and a nightclub — truly an environment to encompass a full queer life. The home these gays created was fortified against attack by rocks and Molotov cocktails, and part of daily life included shifts on guard against attacks by neo-Nazis.



East Berlin drag queen squat was forcibly closed by police after the fall of communism.

### Urban, Rural Contrasts

In cities, like drifts toward like, and now that we have defined ourselves as queer to the world at large we have begun to create urban en-

**In the "No Place Like Home" program we get to see how we as gay men and lesbians are reconstructing ideas of home and family.**

claves (ghettos) of our own kind. *The Salt Mines* talks about a very specific minority — homeless, urban, Hispanic, drag queen prostitutes on crack. They live in a junk yard. Their over-riding consideration for home is, per this documentary, the companionship of family.

"Home" is where they spend all their time when they are not working the docks for johns late at night. This powerful video has all the poignancy of *Paris Is Burning*, with none of the cushioning glamour.

Whether from gay bashers or, in the case of Tutenhaus, from tanks, water cannons, and an army of police and soldiers with assault weapons — security is an overriding factor in urban queer homes. In contrast, *Fighting in Southwest Louisiana* pops our balloons of urban chauvinism. Pressure to belong to the rural community exerts itself on queer and straight alike, and the assimilation into small town life is necessary for survival. Yes, there is some homophobia, says this video, but hey — you have that in San Francisco, don't you? The video makes a strong case for coming out, for being yourself — people accept you then, it says.

Much more than a program about interior design, "No Place Like Home" is a provocative and compelling look at what none of us can take for granted: home and family.

**No Place Like Home**  
Roxie, June 29, 6:30 p.m.

## Video Visions

by Warren Sonbert

**A** lively and innovative video from the Bros. Kinney, Robert and Donald, called *Stephen*, graces the Roxie this weekend. Based on Thornton Wilder's *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, the work deploys a shifting tone that leaps from bawdy slapstick — right out of Plautus — to that omnipresent tragic holocaust facing gay folk today.

Two brothers/lovers, played economically enough by the filmmakers themselves, carouse and cavort at home with each other while also sampling outside partners. Initially, the pace is clipped and furious, with intercuttings (medical footage, body interiors) that only gradually develop their inflected meaning.

Then a psychologically incisive portrait ensues — not so very distant from a gay *Dead Ringers* — emphasizing the emotional codependence of the lads. Those familiar with the video's literary source will check into the irony of disaster striking almost neutrally one twin while leaving the other physically unscathed.

The Kinneys are talented, and the work is assured and provocative. Charm wends its way into the most unlikely visual situations here, and a treat is in store for those adventurous enough to sample.

### A Curtain of Silence

Abigail Child is also talented and has produced over the years a remarkable body of cinematic work ripe with challenge and energy. For her latest video, *Swamp*, she has assembled some of the major poets, writers, filmmakers, musicians of our day — George Kuchar, Sarah Schulman, Susie Bright, Kevin Kil-

lian, Carla Harryman, Tom Mandel, Steve Benson, Larry Ochs — as co-stars and collaborators. Since most of this lot are among my better friends and since I'm loathe to discard even more pages of my address book than I already have, suffice to say that *Swamp* does not find this prestigious coterie at their most shining half hour.

Kuchar lends smutty stature to his seemingly perennial *Dirty Old Man*, a role fitting George suspiciously like a glove nowadays, while Harryman's dedicated facial expressions rise immeasurably above the given material. My favorite end credit ushers in a scripted nod to someone's "Door Design/Construction" that apparently seemed worthy of note to the videomist; like much else in the work — plot, editing, point — the significance of this device simply went over my head.

As usual within the confines of modernism, a "deconstructed narrative" generally means lacking the competence to tell a story. I'm biting my tongue, gripping my loins in forbearance, not to call attention to the video's *piece de resistance* in which a Hispanic woman waitperson is forced to listen to a batch of male chauvinist semiotics, while serving them yet and making grimaces at their pretensions — to clue the video audience into her facile sympathetic P.O.V. side. No, let us be kind and draw a curtain of silence across a work whose shameless obviousness sets a new low in the ranks of politically correct non-art. ▼

**Stephen**  
**Swamp**  
Roxie, June 29, 11 p.m.

## Sweet

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whitewashed view of that time — an occasionally almost saccharine, nostalgic yearning for the dream of Lesbian Nation without really alluding to the problems inherent in the concept and its application — the importance of *The Changer* as an historical document cannot be denied. For some women it will be an affirming reliving of a very cherished time, for others it will perhaps be a way to understand the foundation of the phenomenon of "women's music" — in whatever form it takes today.

Showing with the *The Changer*, by the way, is *Stand on Your Man*, which the gay film festival bills as "a look at the new lesbian preoccupation with Country and Western music and style featuring performances by k.d. Lang, Patsy Cline plus lesbian C&W bands liked the Well Oiled Sisters and the Stetson Sisters." Sounds like fun. ▼

**The Changer: A Record of the Times & Stand on Your Man**  
Roxie, June 30, 7 p.m.



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# The Erotic Art of England

by Warren Sonbert

Oh to be in England, where TV fare comes in the form of such stimulating and homoerotic semi-dazzlers as Chris Newby's *Relax* and Lloyd Newson's *Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men*. The Newby short was produced for London's Channel 4, while the hour-long dance piece of DV8 Physical Theatre owes its existence to South Bank TV.

*Relax* disguises its docudrama, public informational stance by coating the pill with cinematic moxie and a lean punch. Nominally a deadly serious investigation of what it's like to await the results of an AIDS test, the work subverts this initially unappetizing prospect with all manner of invention and humor.

From reluctant hypochondria to flagrant paranoia, the 20 bracing minutes of this item build to a comic nightmare of extraordinary force and subtlety. Shot in glistening black and white — save for red-infused close-ups of the bloodstream — *Relax* plays with geometric shapes (doses become suicide leap hoops which in turn are transformed into cookies) and sound (background noises of sirens, ambulances and pile drivings accentuate all manner of coming dread). Erotic anticipation metamorphoses into clinical suspense and the expected is constantly upended and reversed.

Wicked-tongued and life



Gay man waits for test results in *Relax*.

embracing, the work deals with the most serious of topics in a brazen, cheeky, beguiling manner without the sentimental claptrap of the hopelessly mundane and duty-anchored *Longtime Companion* and *Absolutely Positive*. For once AIDS as an issue dealt with by imaginative gays spins off into Art with an assured and captivating force.

*Relax*  
(with *The Garden*)  
Castro, June 29, 9 p.m.

The Brits may have Clause 28 and a generally unfavorable climate for gay-positive art, but nothing so homoerotic as *Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men* would be allowed — even on access TV — here in the States.

A group of four male dance performers interact, at first more or less convention-

ally, with typical girl rock '60s disco as the night out aural background. Then, on to more minimalist sex act beats, the quartet gets more kinky and physically inventive. A lad is stripped down to his (tight) jockey shorts, blindfolded and shoved against a wall, legs forced leaning apart.

Mr. Jockey Shorts then is coerced into lowering his booted foot onto his Master's face. Pretty soon we're into bathtub sex. Water immersion, wet jockey shorts and various soaking-related pastimes.

Men are hoisted upside down in the big Bondage sequence but the most devastatingly erotic passage is a mind-boggling flipflop back and forth between heavy tongue kissing that purposely precludes breathing by the dominator to the passive, helpless partner. This is akin to the rubber helmet that denies breath. As this kiss of sex death is prolonged, the two combatants dragging one another across the floor, one head totally prone, the other acting as a force of propulsion.

This is not some new adults-only hardcore, but family TV fare accessible to home and hearth across the Atlantic. The irony is that this is of course what porn should be and so rarely is — quirky, inventive and engrossing. ▼

*Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men*  
Roxie, June 30, 9 p.m.



Nicaraguan lesbians and gays in *Sex and the Sandinistas*.

## Multicultural Views

by Kate Bornstein

There's been a lot of talk over the past year of "multiculturalism." And indeed, many of our arts organizations are beginning to include art from other cultures.

The gay film festival program, "The Darkness of Her Language," raises the question, "Is inclusion enough?" This program demands parity, and as such, it needs to be seen by more people than the Roxie will seat. I'd like to think that the response to this program will necessitate a second screening.

### Targets of Violence

*Chasing the Moon*, by U.S. director Dawn Suggs, is a startling black-and-white replay of the memory of a violent attack. The aloneness, the differentness, the horrifying ordinariness of the incident bring all too close to home the possibility of attack for no other reason than one is visibly a member of a minority group.

*Sex and the Sandinistas*, yet another U.K. entry produced by Channel Four television, is a superbly crafted documentary about the struggle faced by lesbians and gay men in Nicaragua. The video contains wonderful images: gay men cruising in the skeleton of a church ruined by an earthquake; AIDS activists giving lecture/demonstrations on buses throughout the cities; and portraits of our enemies, both church and state, espousing the ideology of *machismo*. There's even a short clip of Daniel Ortega, the former Nicaraguan president, speaking on the necessity of including lesbian and gay rights in the revolutionary struggle.

### Cultural Stereotypes

*The Darkness of My Language*, by Canadian filmmaker Silvana Afram, examines cultural stereotypes and myths that arise within a dominant culture that is unfamiliar with the language and customs of a less powerful culture. Language itself becomes a weapon in this por-

trait of a Brazilian woman living in Canada.

Catherine Russo's *I Am Your Sister* is a film chronicling parts of the 1990 Audre Lorde Conference held in Boston, where 1,000 women from 22 countries gathered to forge bonds of global unity in the struggle for equality. Jacqui Alexander's welcome speech to the conference is articulate and passionate. She calls for the creation of "communities of hope despite being under siege in a country being remade in the image of the white man," and she sums up the conference as part of the "constant quest for dignity and integrity as human beings."

There are voices of Puerto Rican-American women, black American women from New York, Nicaraguan women, and Sri Lankan women. From lands torn by revolution, one lesbian woman writes to her lover, "Meeting you was the revolution in my life," and another woman writes, "Those at risk cannot afford ignorance." A 16-year-old black woman from New York declaims, "Let me remind you in the most deadly way possible that who I take home is my own damn business." Artists, young and old, all shades of color and all shapes, contribute to this true multicultural event.

### Jewel in the Crown

*Spin Cycle* is the jewel in the mountain of celluloid that is this year's film festival. Oakland-based filmmaker Aarin Burch has put together a technically stunning, emotionally startling and intellectually stimulating piece of work. Ostensibly about a lesbian love affair, the film goes beyond the camera as an extension of the filmmaker's eye. Instead, Burch blends layers of sounds, words and images, in such a way as to take us inside her conflicted lesbian mind. This four-minute film was such a delight, I asked to see it three times. ▼

*The Darkness of Her Language*  
Roxie, June 29, 9 p.m.

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# Larger Than Death

by Michael C. Botkin

**A**lthough it is titled in its promotional literature *Living and Dying*, a more direct translation of the Swiss/German-made video is "I Like Living, I Like Dying." This tag was probably seen as too unsettling, too direct a challenge to the Positive Attitude which is currently promoted in this country as the best response to AIDS. In any case, the video is an unsettling work about a quixotic character, Andre Ratti.

Ratti was a popular TV show host in Switzerland who "came out", as both gay and an HIVer, in 1984, shortly after his diagnosis. *Living and Dying*, shot mostly after his death, portrays his acceptance of death and his brusque rejection of the smarmy solace offered from so many quarters. Clearly an abrasive man, he was loved or hated but rarely ignored.

"When he entered a room, it was like a movie queen making an entrance," says one of his former sex-partners, describing Ratti's larger-than-life impact. This guy later goes on to describe what Ratti was like in bed, a candor rare in American works.

### Complete Enigma

The video alternates interviews of Ratti's friends and associates with clips from his TV shows and a few brief interviews with Ratti himself, done a few months before his death. (There are also some "dramatic recreations" of gay bars and cruisy areas).

Ratti, who apparently didn't fit easily into standard Swiss categories, is a complete enigma by U.S. measures. He offered himself up as the figure-head for the national Swiss AIDS service organization, and by so doing



Outspoken Swiss talk show host Andre Ratti is subject of *Living and Dying*.

put them on the map and won the group unprecedented positive publicity.

"It was a Rock Hudson effect," says a colleague.

But Ratti hated the "process" and procedure of the meetings.

Quite the butch himself, he despised the effeminate gays he met there and would rant and rave to his friends about how disgusting they were. In what contemporary American gays would easily label "internalized homophobia," he scorned the notion of committed, romantic relationships among men, or "petite-bourgeois twosomes" as he calls them. He preferred voluminous tricking.

*Living and Dying* is mostly about Ratti's acceptance of death, and his perplexing lack of anxiety about it.

"I've had a good life," he says mildly, shrugging. "Anything I haven't done in this life, I'll do in my next one."

His response to approaching death is, in this as in everything else, exasperating in its violation of our expectations. But it is exactly these aspects of Ratti, the irritating way he gets under everyone's skin, that makes him such a good subject for a film. Not only is he larger than life, he's larger than Death. ▼

**Living and Dying**  
Roxie, June 29, 12 noon

## Out of the Silence

Michael C. Botkin

**F**ighting *Chance* looks at what it is like to be an Asian HIVer. Directed by Canadian Richard Fung, it was filmed in San Francisco, Vancouver, and Boston and focuses on the situations of four gay Asians living with HIV.

What happens when a culture that promotes restraint and silence encounters a disease that evokes denial? The net result, as might well be expected, is an almost deafening silence. Fung's film is one of the first to look at AIDS in the Asian community, and he reminds us that even though his subjects are articulate and open, they represent a far larger population that is still bound up in silence and secrecy.

This is an evocative film. Where typical AIDS activist movies separate their interviews with footage of rowdy demonstrations set to upbeat music, *Fighting Chance* uses subtle and quiet interludes:

one of the interviewees doing T'ai Chi exercises, or someone meticulously folding origami.

There are no heavy-handed agendas in this video, save the one of exploring the issue. The only message Fung works at is to promote early awareness and intervention, and to assert that a diagnosis of HIV isn't a death sentence — thus the title, *Fighting Chance*.

The subjects of the interviews are articulate and sympathetic. They talk about their families' reactions much more than their Anglo counterparts do in comparable films. They also discuss the impact of AIDS on their friends and community.

*Fighting Chance* is a well-made, engaging film. It offers an unprecedented look at the effect of HIV on the Asian community. ▼

**Fighting Chance**  
(with *Living and Dying*)  
Roxie, June 29, 12 noon

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## Film Fest

# Say What?

by Robert Julian

**S**o you still haven't seen *Soapdish* or *Thelma and Louise* and you're actually considering that overblown disaster, *Backdraft*? It's true what they say, there's no accounting for taste. That's OK, it's *No Skin Off My Ass* — which also happens to be the title of Bruce la Bruce's skinhead flick.

Old Bruce seems to have the hots for co-star, Klaus von Brucker, who plays the skinhead. As writer, producer, editor, director, cameraman and star, la Bruce manages lots of hands-on action with von Brucker, who seems totally bored by la Bruce's attentions.

La Bruce plays a hairdresser who picks up von Brucker and finds true love, in grainy B&W with post-syn sound. The flick looks like it was shot in a snow storm and recorded in a tin can. The continuity jumps defy description and the dialogue never matches the actor's lips. However, the musical background is good for a few laughs.

My favorite sequence is a skinhead montage, to the accompaniment of "These Are a Few of My Favorite Things" from *The Sound of Music*. Other memorable musical moments are provided by songs stolen from the repertoires of Tiny Tim and



Hairdresser falls for skinhead in *No Skin Off My Ass*.

Dionne Warwick, as well as The Carpenters. Special Drive-In Academy Award nomination goes to the skinhead's lesbian sister for announcing, "Everybody's a fag. Haven't you realized?"

Two dicks, two blow-jobs, one zit-popping, two cum shots, one nipple-piercing, one boot-licking, one toe-sucking, one rimming with peanut butter lubricant, and two haircuts. One star, R.J. says check it out, but only if you can tolerate post-coital Bruce la Bruce proclaiming, "He wasn't just a skinhead, he was capable of love, and that would help." Say what? ▼

*No Skin Off My Ass*  
Castro, June 28, 11:30 p.m.

## Books

# Transcending the Mundane

**The Forbidden Poems**  
by Becky Birtha; Seal Press, \$10.95

by Noreen C. Barnes

**B**ecky Birtha cultivates her own rich garden of images in *The Forbidden Poems*. While her work is ripe with fruit and flowers, and full of food, her poetry consists of a series of images that, although related, are not repetitious.

And it works, for the most part. Nearly every piece of Birtha's, couched in a straightforward narrative style, is fresh, satisfying to read. There is a sense of completeness to her poems, and her descriptions do not obscure meaning, but rather appeal directly to the heart and to the senses.

On the whole, Birtha's journey of self-discovery and self-worth as recorded in this work transcends the mundane and enters another realm. It is a rare piece where the mechanics doesn't seem quite right, where the balance is off.

### Responding to the Isms

An African American and lesbian feminist, Birtha responds to racism, classism, sexism and homophobia. Her very personal pain at the loss of a child, of a lover, can be felt through her particular arrangement of words.

Throughout, a sense of humor is maintained, as is evidenced in some of the titles of



Becky Birtha

Birtha's poems — "The (Baby) Stroller as an Instrument of Female Torture and Oppression," "Eight Reasons Why You Will Never Make It in the Corporate World" and "For Those Who Suffer From Chronic Mismanagement of Their Own Time" — and in occasional, delightful self-reference: "... seriously, is this a poem or isn't it?"

Birtha uncovers the pure poetry that lies inherent, but usually hidden, in superficially simple activities — many of them domestic, many of them centered around food and care of self and others. And everyday events take on new significance, such as the lesson learned from a spider's

response to the breaking of its web in "Assurances": "The spider falls, plummets/carefully to safety and patiently climbs to mend the web/to begin again."

She thinks of cutting some roses for a lover she is leaving: "They'd be full blown when you come in/a surprise/a simple declaration/I thought about you." The loss of her lover is perhaps most poignant in "Primary Passion": "Once, on a night I no longer remember/we made love with each other/deeper than milk, than blood/with that wild instinctive intensity/for which there were never words —/the same way we had/loved one another/a hundred times before/How could either of us know/we never would again?"

Birtha celebrates love and friendship, battles abuse and apathy, and ends with a lovely affirmation in her "Love Poem to Myself" for her 40th birthday: "You may be who you/always were/always will be/who you/absolutely amazingly/all ways/already are." ▼

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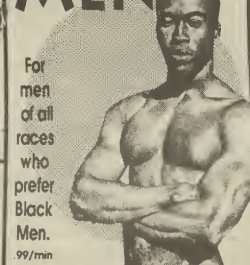
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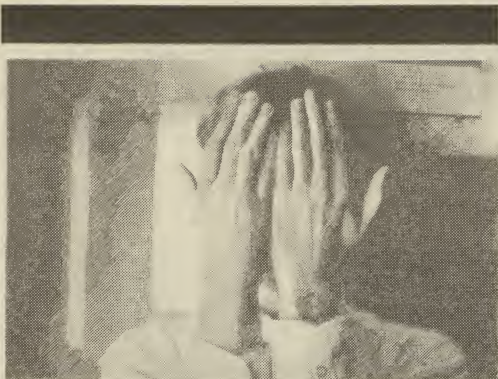
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Duane Michals, *Andy Warhol*, 1958; gelatin silver print.

## Visionary

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"Like many people, I had an aesthetic itch, but I didn't know where to scratch. At 28, having lost my job, I had two choices: continuing with design work or to become a photographer. I went to Paris with my \$600 in savings and took more portraits."

### Interests and Influences

From career beginnings, Michals switched to discussing various interests and influences—Eastern religions, Thomas Eakins, his father and the truth.

"I'm interested in the realm of interior dialogue and questions of consciousness. While most photography is about appearance or beauty, for me the subject should be truth. Making a beautiful photograph of an already beautiful flower hardly seems an accomplishment. I use beautiful models, but they're actors in a drama; they're incidental to

the story. I do enjoy photographing beautiful people, and I did *The Nature of Desire* because I wanted to know why I respond to them. What is this power of attraction and why doesn't it go away as one gets older?

**"I never learned the rules. If there's such a thing as a 'natural,' I'm a natural."**

—Duane Michals



Duane Michals, *A Letter From My Father*, 1975; gelatin silver print.

As long as I can remember, my father always said to me, that one day he would write me a very special letter. But he never told me what the letter might be about. I used to try to guess what I might read in the letter, what intimacy, what revelation, what family secret could now be revealed. I know what I had hoped to read in the letter. I wanted him to tell me where he had hidden his affections. But then he died, and the letter did arrive, and I never found that place where he had hidden his love.

"My interest in Eastern religions has always been there. I was a heavy-duty Catholic, but I kept asking questions until I had questioned myself right out of the Church. One of the first books I bought at 17 was Evelyn Underhill's *Mysticism*, and I just kept going after it. Everything is in the mind. I believe in the imagination."

"My two favorite photographers are Robert Frank and Thomas Eakins. Eakins' work is so tied up with his life. Arthur Tress is one of the most wonderful eccentric photographers. I like anybody who

**"Male affection was always at the center of my interests or experiences."**

—Duane Michals

"Dealing with my father has gradually become known to me through the photographs. I did a number of photographs, like of myself shaking hands with my father, when I was younger. Then I wrote *A Letter From My Father*, which was quintessential to my evolution. I saw the evolution of the father idea through to the point where I now realize that I play the role of the father myself. Male affection was always at the center of my interests or experiences. I'm writing a new poem which has to do with that issue."

"I'm writing more and more with the photographs. I can find spirit in language, and I feel that I've made real discoveries in the texts. Contrary to Minor White, I don't think the spirit can be revealed that easily. My work gets deeper in terms of intimacy. It's getting time for me to fine tune what my feelings are." ▼

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uses their imagination.

"I work commercially, though I've never had a commercial studio or a darkroom. I had an agent for two months once. It's very much a cottage industry, and it suits me very well. I love doing the commercial work—I feel like a wolf in the henhouse. And the jobs pay for the luxury of doing my private work. I can do one job a week and make more money than my father made in a year."

### Deaths

## Anthony Bruno

Nov. 11, 1944-June 14, 1991

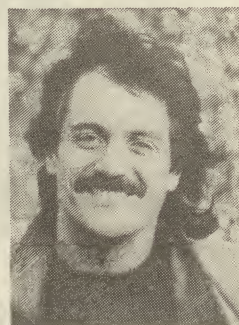
A dear friend, playwright Anthony Bruno, died June 14 in West Hollywood.

His greatest triumph, *Soul Survivor*, inspired by the death of his lover, played in Los Angeles for nine months; San Francisco at Theatre Rhinoceros; Dallas; Houston; New York; Sydney, Australia; and was being translated into Dutch. The play's excellence and humor were universally proclaimed. The foolish missed it.

*Flight*, a homage to his beloved departed mother, was recently read by Valerie Harper in Hollywood and Tyne Daly in New York, though Anthony could not attend. He received generous assistance and home care from the Actors' Fund of America. His obituary appeared in Hollywood's *Daily Variety*.

Decorated for bravery in the military, he bristled at his government's later indifference. He sold a screenplay to Warner Brothers about five gay soldiers in Vietnam.

Handsome and witty, Anthony was among the elite of



the Los Angeles leather community. "Mr. Groovy Guy 1987," producer of major benefits, leather and beauty contests, here and in LA, his name was mentioned regularly in every gossip column of *Compass Magazine*.

He cared for his friends, cherished his father, adored his sisters, Phyllis and Judy, thoroughly enjoyed San Francisco, loved his life, and lived it with abundant passion and righteous indignation.

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Mary Lou Graulau, left, of *My Father Is Coming*, with its director, Monika Treut, at film fest opening.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Partridge — And More

by Justin Bond

**K**EITH PARTRIDGE has had a facelift! **DAVID CASSIDY** looked so good in those pictures in *INTERVIEW* that I had to ask a friend who worked with him on his last picture, *The Spirit of '76*, what was what, and yes, it's true. Not only that but he has to put a rinse on his hair every day because he's gone completely gray. Poor thing.

I don't care that he's aging. I wouldn't have even mentioned it, but my friend says he's a complete asshole and worse yet he's straight — or claims to be. YUCK! While I'm on the subject of straight rock stars I heard a rumor that San Francisco's **CHRIS ISAAK** can suck his own dick? Would that make him a heterosexual male cocksucker? You figure it out.

What can I say about the opening GALA held for the 15th **LESBIAN AND GAY FILM FESTIVAL**? The crowd was white (well, mostly), the food was bad, my date was cute, the music was good, the champagne was free, I broke a heel, I lost my purse. Quite a night really. Oh! They showed some fab movies, too.

The party of the week, however, was to celebrate **THE STUD'S** 25th anniversary. Free food, free booze and some of the hottest looking men in town. Not to mention some very big women. The Stud's sexiest bartender Christian Beavers was mesmerizing as angel gone bad **MISS ANNA MARIA BELOWYA**. After the party was opened to the general public and it really started to get crowded, we split and went to **URANUS**. There must have been something in the punch or maybe it was the position of the moon, but it was one of the best Sunday nights at Uranus in a long time. No one wanted to leave.

But still they threw us out into the bitter night and off we went looking for new game. We stopped in to check out a new club which opened at the Underground, **CLUB SUBCONSCIOUS**, and stayed for about three minutes, then off to **PLEASUREDOME** and breakfast at **THE BAGDAD CAFE**.

At breakfast I was lucky enough to be seated next to that cute little **LEWIS WALDEN**, and he told me that he and **MIKE** are opening a new club called **PULSE** at the Firehouse on Thursdays. I can't wait.

**TIPPI'S PROM** at **KLUB-STITUTE** was a glam-fest if ever there was one. Tippi — the woman, the legend — was crowned prom queen amid cheers and whispers. After the coronation the pixie love goddess took her place on a dais above the heads of the thronging masses who had come to bask in the glow of her radiance. Tippi's beauty and charm held the crowd in awe.

And what a crowd it was! *Taste of Latex* editrix **LILY BRAINDROP** was on the arm of DJ **DOWNTOWN DONNA**, my date was the cover girl/boy of the next *On Our Backs* — **ELVIS HERSELVIS** — and she was a perfect ... gentleman. I wish some of you men would take a lesson from these dykes on how to treat a lady!

Sheesh! The entertainment was provided by **MISS SPENT**, **MICHAEL BEMBROOK**, **CONNIE CHAMPAGNE** and her **TINY BUBBLES** and, of course, the inimitable **MISS X** (in a stunning satin gown). It was like a dream. It was the queer prom we all deserved but never got. Whoa! The **CLASS OF '91** rules!

### Brightest Beacon of Light

And yet, for all the joy and all the fun, there was a shadow hanging over us. Word was out that **DORIS FISH** was going fast. We missed her. And now that it's over, one must wonder what has happened? For a few brief years Doris Fish was the brightest beacon of light in a ravaged community. She stood as a symbol of where we had come from and where we were going. Living proudly, boldly and honestly out there — on the edge. A talented, fearless queen. A true queer saying to the world, "This is my life, my body, my soul, and I will live it any way I see fit. Don't fuck with me."

The memories of her beauty, strength and conviction will live in our hearts like some shimmering ephemera for years to come; a wash of color, a flash of trash, a lot of love. We'll miss you, Doris. You are a part of our history, but the seeds of inspiration you have planted in our hearts will continue to grow.

Doris Fish was a monumental example of gay pride. If we can carry just a portion of her spirit with us this week, **LESBIAN, GAY, and QUEER FREEDOM DAY 1991** will be the best day of our lives. ▼

# Jarman Shines, Peck Whines

by Warren Sonbert

**D**erek Jarman's latest film, *The Garden*, may be his finest. Typically overindulgent, long and only for non-narrative, artsy tastes, the work is nevertheless brilliant and smashing enough to bear investigation by those whose love for cinema reaches beyond the standard.

The filmmaker has been up front and public in recent years about his HIV-positive status and has been in and out of hospitals the past few years. One hopes this isn't his final effort (he's at work on two separate projects at the moment, I'm told).

Truth be told, the filmmaker's previous efforts, *Sebastiane*, *The Last of England* and *War Requiem* have seemed like trials to endure for this viewer. And even for long passages of *The Garden* the (albeit constructive) influence of the New American Cinema is much in evidence. What, then, makes *The Garden* striking, original and effective?

In his modern-day reworking of the Christ legend, Derek Jarman replaces a single Max von Sydow stereotype with a pair of male lovers who embody the idealized homey, comfy, good-looking norm of the storybook gay couple. At one point during a "production number" of Gershwin's "Think Pink" from *Funny Face* (the lyrics of which are changed from "make the switch" to "make it swish"), they are even foregrounded holding a baby, the duo steadfastly engaged in cooing and making goo goo eyes at one another and the baby. But later they too tote those crosses up to Golgotha. You betcha!

### Vitality and Imagination

What saves the film from sentimentality and unintentional hilarity is Jarman's fluid, single-minded obsessional visual palette. Every trick in the book — slow motion, time lapse, rear projection, Super 8 blown up to 35, light swirls — is hurled at the viewer with modulated rapidity. Of course, others have been here before, notably Syberberg's *Our Hitler* and *Parsifal*, but for once Jarman's own cinematic personality (it's only taken me four films to discover it!) erupts with vitality and fervent imagination.

For once, there's humor and celebration — not the dogged negativity that plagued the over-obvious and didactic *The Last of England* and *War Requiem*. There's a "Credit Card" number that sends up Judas Iscariot that evolves into another set piece, and all manner of startling combinations of documentary footage juxtaposed with the material Jarman shot himself. Tilda Swinton — the most devoted and familiar member of Jarman's repertory company — undertakes the expected role of the Virgin Mary.

The film is gorgeous, maddening, provocative and right now may be one of the most glorious works of art you'll see this year. I never thought I'd celebrate Jarman so, but *The Garden* is his decided masterpiece. ▼

*The Garden*  
Castro, June 29, 9 p.m.



Spencer Leigh in musical number from *The Garden*.

### Spinning Off

One wishes to say the same for "Nighthawks II," Ron Peck's *Strip Jack Naked*. This is a spinoff — outtakes, musings, updates — from the filmmaker's 1978 original, *Nighthawks*, which apparently meant quite a lot to those who saw it (I'm among the benighted few still in deprivation).

In fact, *Strip Jack* treats *Nighthawks* as if it were the holy of holies, the veritable Shroud of Turin of gay narrative. If part two is an accurate replication of the talents exhibited in the earlier work, then the filmmaker possesses an overly immodest sense of his stature.

Peck offhandedly films his impressions of "growing up gay" in isolation and self-loathing (ho hum). Haven't we graduated from that stage already? Is this of any interest as a documentary in 1991? In any case, it certainly isn't from a cinematic standpoint. A huge still of Dirk Bogarde's

face gets even huger at the intoned words, "His expression..." — but the segment leads to no appreciably more illuminating moment. And so it goes throughout.

There was a sequence of childhood bedroom imagery that recalled Brakhage at its best in the casual, babe's eye view of one's initial limited universe, but that was pretty much it. *Strip Jack Naked* is one of those works whose sole interest lies in its gay subject matter — but art, cinema, imagination and challenge be damned. The film coddles its predetermined audience with shamelessly confessional kvetchings that have been seen already a million times before. All of the other works I previewed for the festival — *Time Off*, *Relax*, *The Garden* and *Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men* — are spoilers for anything less than homo cinema at full visual and mental throttle. ▼

*Strip Jack Naked*  
Castro, June 28, 9:30 p.m.

## Peck's Classic

by Robert Julian

**N**ighthawks is truly a classic, not the 1978 period piece it may seem at first glance. Ken Robertson portrays Jim, a gay teacher whose compulsive odyssey through London's bar scene propels him toward a confrontation with his students. But with Jim, writers/directors Ron Peck and Paul Hallam have created a character that transcends urban stereotypes and ascends to the universal.

Long, pointed collars, bell-bottom trousers, and sideburns come straight from the disco archives. Yet the issues beneath *Nighthawks*' surface are no less relevant today than they were in 1978. Monogamy versus polygamy; coming out in the workplace;

and the complexity of relationships between gays and straights all get trotted out for exploration in a highly descriptive, but totally non-judgmental fashion. The *cinema verite* presentation of bar cruising is, in itself, worth the price of admission.

Most men in the audience will find themselves speculating about how much gay life has changed since *Nighthawks* was made. Two words, "safe" and "AIDS," have entered our sexual vocabulary, but beyond that, the current queer world might seem remarkably similar. One thing is certain — any urban gay male who cannot find one shred of self-recognition in *Nighthawks* is either terminally dense, or a liar.

*Nighthawks*  
Castro, June 29, 2 p.m.

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# Crossing Over

by David Taylor-Wilson

In 1990, Dianne Reeves crossed over from the jazz charts to multi-format success in Pop, R&B and Adult Contemporary circles with her extremely successful *Never Too Far* album. With that album she acquired a new legion of fans, and those of us who had been longtime admirers wondered if she would abandon her jazz roots to maintain mainstream success.

With her new album *I Remember*, Reeves allays any such fears. *I Remember* is a wonderful collection of standards culled from the jazz and theatre world. Reeves, with her 3-1/2 octave vocal range, soars in her African/Latin rhythm-charged renditions of "How High The Moon" and Mongo Santamaria's "Afro Blue," and easily swoops from a piano-backed, gospel-influenced introduction to Cole Porter's "Love For Sale" to raucous full-swing. Her voice shines brighter than ever on

the numbers that have sparse, minimal accompaniment, such as "I Remember Sky," "For All We Know," and the McCoy Tyner classic, "You Taught My Heart To Sing." Just beautiful.

## The La's, *The La's*

By today's standards this is called Modern Rock music. In the '60s it would've been called just plain rock 'n' roll. The band on the other hand would've been called a major threat to the Beatles. Liverpool-based quartet The La's believe in a simplistic approach to music. No deluge of electronic samplings or conjured-up, computer-driven instrumentation here. Everything is straightforward, raw, and on the line.

Bass player John Power says, "In the old days it was like people were given a block of clay to carve songs out of. Now, they've just got to push buttons for easy money. I don't think that's progress." Here, here.

## Straightjacket Fits, *Melt*

One of the finest attributes of early rock that got mowed down when heavy metal and thrash metal surfaced was sex appeal. The sensual haze that the music created vanished. Well now it's back, courtesy of Straightjacket Fits.

Hailing from New Zealand, this band produces a sound that is as hypnotic as it is captivating. From the ethereal opening moments of "Bad Note For A Heart," through the pounding thrills of "Roller Ride," to the stark yearnings of "Cast Stone," this album is pure carnal excitement.

## Tom Scott *Keep This Love Alive*

Returning with his fourth GRP project, virtuoso jazz saxophonist Tom Scott is in fine form on an album that actually finds him not directly in the spotlight.

For *Keep This Love Alive*, Scott has gathered together some of today's finest



The La's

musicians and vocalists.

The opening track, "If You're Not The One For Me," teams Brenda Russell and Bill Champlin on a bitter-sweet trip to the bitter end of love. Guest vocalist Will Lee

turns in a heartfelt lament for a love that's ever so close on "Only A Heartbeat Away." But tops among this set is the slinky, supper-club jazz number "Whenever You Dream Of Me," which features the unparalleled vocals of Dianne Schuur.

Instrumentally, the big gem here is "Kilimanjaro," with its sweeping washes of soprano and tenor sax over a provocative set of African-influenced rhythms. "Miz Thang" gets downright funky, while "Givin' Our Best" is a driving, up tempo, spirited number. Always the romantic, Scott turns the lights down low on the sumptuous "You Mean Everything (To Me)."

## Innocence, *Belief*

Though the underlying beat on all ten tracks of *Belief* have that shuffling, down-tempo, West Indies influenced rhythm, the outstanding element here is the overlying union of jazz instrumentation and soulful singing.

Fronted by female vocalist Gee Morris, the sound here evokes images of smoke-filled soul music clubs hidden down side streets in the back of an alley and always filled to capacity.

The remake of the Doors classic, "Riders On The Storm" is an enticing update. Premiere single, "Let's Push It," vacillates between a soft celestial ambience and infectious rhythms.

Already certified gold in the UK with five Top 40 singles, it would be a shame if this expertly crafted debut album went unnoticed here.

## Vast Asleep, *Vast Asleep*

Popular Bay Area-bred quintet succumbs to the demands of its fans and has independently released its first collection of singles on cassette.

Though the majority of music here will, by today's format standards, be considered Modern Rock music, the talent here broadens that horizon considerably.

All seven tracks here are thoughtful and powerful. Standout favorites include "Man Made Stuff" and "Drink the Roof." Club DJs should investigate the rhythmic "All Through The Tribe" even though a remix would more easily gain it club acceptance.

Note: Vast Asleep will be performing live on the steps of City Hall at 1:30 p.m. during Sunday's Gay Freedom Day Parade.

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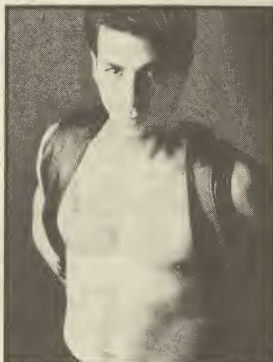
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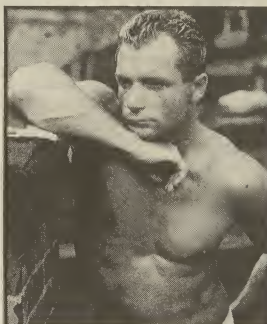
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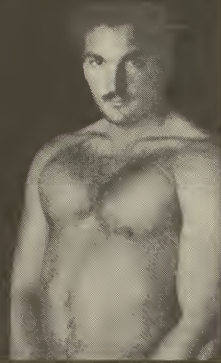
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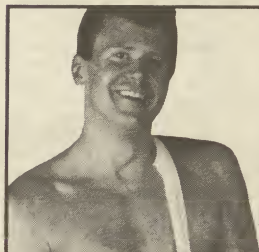
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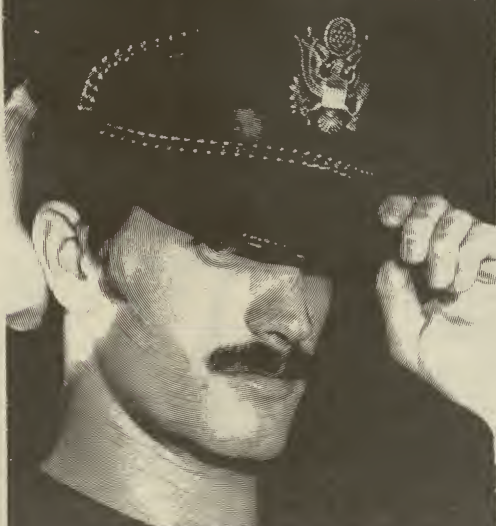
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## Dance

### The End of the New

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The avant-garde is passe, in part, because the great pioneers of modernism (and stylistic innovation) have died: Balanchine, Tudor, Graham. But also the notion of an avant-garde now seems false in a world where no one seems to be making work of any extreme importance. (William Forsythe does ballet noir, Laura Dean spins, David Parsons has bags full of props, and Twyla Tharp uses ballet to beat her dancers into a dysfunctional pulp — for example.) And when visiting with those performance art folks, dance has pretty much disappeared amid the chatter of talking (while walking) about things that really matter.

Still, if I can continue my brash attempt at summarizing my colleagues thinking, what seems to have occurred — a realization that hit us with a collective thud — is that the idea of the avant-garde, the idea of a progressive evolution of stylistic innovators, no longer carries much punch. It's oppressive, narrow, limiting and, not to mention, it gets in the way of our enjoyment of what dance can be. As critics, after all, the seed of our professional commitment is a common love for expression in movement, expression through movement. Dancing turns us on.

Thus, the shock of the present is *not* the death of the avant-garde (the boredom and anemia of "postmodern" dance/performance), but the freedom to look horizontally and cross-culturally at the multitude of dance resources here in the U.S. and throughout the world. The mood of this year's critics' meeting was surprisingly ebullient: amid fewer dollars and (allegedly) fewer performances, there was a sense of shared determination to look harder at a wider range of options.

In the world of ballet (presently a global enterprise and, by overwhelming numbers, the most well-attended form of concert dance), the legacy of Balanchine is profound: in terms of repertory, evolution of balletic language and human resources, Balanchine's art has left a vast and flexible wealth of assets. Alternately, contemporary "ethnic" or "world" dance — theatricalized and influenced by modern, ballet and jazz — is presently exploding on a worldwide basis. This, surely, is one of the most intriguing (and appealing) sources of new dance, one in which the linear conception of the avant-garde makes little sense. And here at home, indigenous American jazz dance is being stretched, pulled and expanded into a renaissance of multifaceted possibility. Dance on MTV video, the reborn (post-Andrew Lloyd Webber) Broadway musical and the new concert jazz companies are redefining what jazz is all about.

These are just some of the reasons why the end of the avant-garde didn't seem to leave my colleagues wiping away any tears. We have no regrets. The post-boom era in American dance may be more difficult (especially in terms of dollars and venues), but the range of possibility — the freedom of mind and movement

— promises nothing less than an intellectual (and emotional) feast.

#### Absence of Resources

Having returned to this deliciously cool and breezy city by the Bay, filled with an almost giddy sense of enthusiasm, it's difficult to report on the continuing death of the avant-garde, as practiced by two earnest practitioners of the new. Choreographers/dancers Stephen Pelton and Ben Carter presented an evening of mostly new dances, entitled "Burning/Fog," at the Footwork performance space (in the Mission) last weekend.



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The sincerity (and effort) behind each of the six pieces included on the program was undeniable. But a near absence of a dancemaker's two most essential resources (musical inspiration and choreographic language) left the evening bereft of artistic rewards. Suitably, however, the history of the progressive diminishment of the dance avant-garde parallels the choreographer's estrangement from rhythmic impulse and emotional coloring in sound. Thus, Pelton's dances (*Travelogue* (*The Sound of Business*), *The Eaves* and *Fog*), set to sound scores by David

Byrne, Steve Reich and Dred Scott respectively, never revealed any significant expressive link between sound and movement.

Carter's *Cant*, a searing, tortured solo, did, however, capture the anguish of Diamanda Galas' impassioned wail for divine forgiveness and salvation. But the link was more dramatic than musical. (And why does all the action occur rear stage-left, so far from the audience?) Also, Carter did seem to respond — musically — to selections by Ned Rorem included with other excerpted scores for *Burning*. But Carter's overall approach was either distance, or distrust, of aural inspiration, especially in *This Space Available*, which overlays J.S. Bach with African-inspired drumming.

The other, most significant, reason for the end of the avant-garde is the absence of any serious (spatial or kinetic complexity) and communicable (teachable) system for human movement. Despite many passionate claims to the contrary, the American avant-garde has never developed a comprehensive language of movement. (Wonderful accents, images and gestures blossomed, but technique became an embarrassing, not-to-be-questioned condition of absence.) Pelton and Carter's dancing reveals, unfortunately, the legacy of this poverty of means.

*Fog*, a premiere and Pelton's most extended piece, choreographed for three dancers (Paul Benney, Ben Carter and Jessica Lutes), is full of hip swivels, turns, body rolls and a little spinning in unison. There's also a vague, ho-hum hint of narrative (girl-loses-boyfriend-wholikes-other-guy). But the movement snippets never add up and the dominant impression is a mixture of dead space (where nothing seems to be happening) with lots of sloppy, casual, seemingly "found" movement. One senses the choreographer simply doesn't have the tools — steps or physical control — to make a dance.

Carter's *Burning* is more dancey, as they say in the biz (there's a little ballet, a touch of tango, a snatch of disco and plenty of traveling gestures). It also seems to have something to do with people who shop at the Goodwill Store (all the dancers arrive in baggy coats, later shed to reveal scruffy practice clothes). But there's no choreographic development and the subject matter remains relentlessly fuzzy. Carter's choice of a sound score that mixes excerpts from four sound engineers (including David Lynch and Igor Stravinsky) guarantees a fragmented aural experience and a dance that implodes on itself. ▼

What makes *Snatch* too long is that each actor — and there are many — is given several minutes to indulge in voicing her personal agenda. This detracts from the focus of *Snatch*, the actual narrative of which is a powerful and provocative piece of videomaking. ▼

**Snatch**  
Roxie, June 28, 11:30 p.m.

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He Doesn't Mind Words  
in Pictures

## More

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the video blends elements reminiscent of Fellini, Stephen King and Pat Califia. *Snatch* also recalls the maenads of ancient Greece — the women followers of the god of wine and madness, Dionysus — who began their revels in pleasure, progressed to ecstasy and often ended in the expression of their fury toward men (including the eventual dismemberment of the nearest member of the male of the species).

# Fury

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tro at the office the other day — I hadn't realized male beauty (Michael Grumley???) had its own language, its own perogatives, its own language. Unbelievable."

James Baggett, managing editor of *Elle Decor*, yelled, "Is this for real? It's terrible. Well, obviously Mr. White hasn't met Michael Cunningham. ... And that 'sex is worth dying for' line. Bullshit! Not in my bed."

"Hahahahahahaha," responded James Saslow, the translator of the just released *The Poetry of Michelangelo* (Yale University Press). "I knew Michael Grumley very well. He was an attractive man, but let's not get carried away ... (and use his looks) as a basis for literary criticism."

White's intro also got a similar reaction when passed around before a screening of Richard Brenin's *Why I Masturbate* at The Third Annual New York International Festival of Lesbian and Gay Film. The filmgoers, including novelist David Feinberg and activist Jim Farrat, went into convulsions of twitters. "Has White lost his mind?" was a frequently asked question, which was also rephrased as, "Has White lost his marbles?" Feinberg simply spouted, "Beauty is as beauty does!"

White in his essay also notes that "both he (Grumley) and Robert (Ferro, author of *The Family of Max Desir*) were handsome men, virile, confident. ..." Now these two lovers, both deceased, were extremely fine writers and warm, loving men with fine senses of humor, yet neither were greatly beyond average looking. And though neither fell into the Paul Lynde femme category, neither did either one of them belong in a Tom-of-Finland, too-much-testosterone fantasy.

## Disservice to Grumley

What White has done is a disservice to Grumley. Instead of discussing his very fine novel, people are talking about how he looks. Since when is how a person looks equal in importance to how well he writes or his insights into human nature?

As for beautiful people not being "hungry, grateful, greedy, or choked with emotion" when copulating, one would think White has been locked in his bedroom masturbating and not making side trips from France to Switzerland for little affair-ettes. The author of *A Boy's Own Story*, who's had more than his carnal share of beauties, should know that a perfect profile doesn't save someone from being neurotic, psychotic or worse.

The most untenable line here is White's "sex is worth dying for." For White, who has been raving to the national media that he is HIV-positive, this sentence might be his rationale, his way of coming to terms with his own dilemma. But for the young gays out there who are just now coming out and for all our friends and lovers who are gone and going, sex is/was never worth dying for, especially when the death is a long, painful, protracted one like AIDS. ▼

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## Feisty Queers

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Brett Shingledecker, co-owner of Chicago's gay and lesbian bookstore, People Like Us, which co-sponsored SPEW, thinks that the very magic of 'zines is that they appeal to segments of the community for whom there is little else available. He points to magazines like *Thing* and *J.D.'s* — a 'zine written for gay and lesbian skinheads — as examples. Although Shingledecker says that the inter-

est in 'zines has skyrocketed recently, they're really only just beginning to "creep into the gay and lesbian awareness."

Why has it taken so long to happen, and why is it happening now? There are several theories, including the very plausible explanation that ready access to technology like desktop publishing and photocopying have made almost anyone willing to do the work a publisher. And in creative centers like Toronto and San Francisco, where queer peers are sharing ideas, talent and technology, the process has noticeably accelerated.

Still, something else is going on here, and it may be po-

litical in nature. Bruce Johnson, a Chicago resident and longtime fan of the fanzine who volunteered at SPEW, says the current outpouring of 'zines is directly related to the fact that lots of radical young queers are coming sexually of age while experiencing "alienation from the politically correct culture" that is at the heart of the contemporary gay and lesbian movement.

This alienation, he says, is similar to the roots of the original fanzines, which evolved out of the punk rock movement. Now that the 'zine has crossed over into the more literary queer scene, partly through the efforts of those hardcore punk queers who publish *J.D.'s* and *Homocore*, the form has been adopted by a whole new group of gays and lesbians, many of them politically active.

## Future Moviemakers?

SPEW organizer Steve Lafreniere says that while the response from the more than 40 editors attending the convergence was overwhelmingly

positive, more than half of them told him that they soon want to "move on to making movies." Lafreniere predicts that the next wave of underground creative energy will be spent on low-budget queer video produced on cameras like the Fischer-Price Pixel, which he compares in accessibility to the photocopy machine for the 'zine-producing masses.

For now, however, the burgeoning 'zine movement is far from exhausting itself. In fact, new titles are appearing on the shelves of 'zine-friendly queer bookstores like A Different Light at the rate of up to two or three a week, ranging from the sexually oriented *Up Our Butts* and *Whorezine* to *Vo x*, an AIDS activist 'zine from Santa Fe. And the 'zine-buying public — mostly urban queers with a bent for dissent — still can't get enough. ▼

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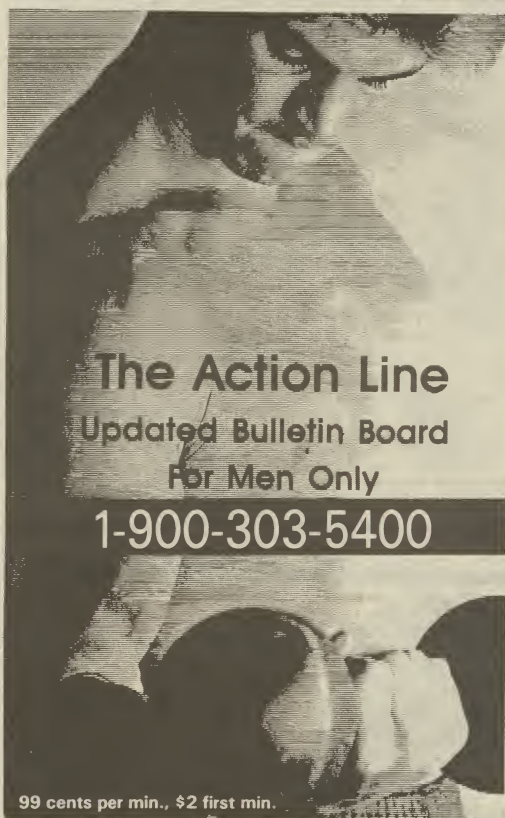
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## Softball



Everyone is smiles as players from both Leticia's and the Cinch help catcher Krista Smith to her feet following the GSL play-of-the-day. See story below for details. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Big Strokes From Mr. Bare Chest

by Nancy Boutillier

What a little fame won't do to lift a team! Motherlode's Andy Anderson gets named Mr. Bare Chest at the Eagle, and what does he do when he hits Jackson Field against the first-place Rainbow Roos? He has the nerve to open the game with a home-run blast, and then, with the game tied at 8 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Anderson strokes a double that knocks in both Marius Greenspan and Ken Goodman for a 10-8 upset victory. Give a guy a title, and he bares his chest all over the place.

Meanwhile, Huffin Puffin Rene Richard, who won Mr. GSL Leather last week, was on the mound for the seventh place Huffin Puffins squaring off against Uncle Bert's 10-1 Brats, who are tied for first place in B Division with the aforementioned Roos. Brats Dean McCool and Russell Wright have knocked back-to-back homers, and "Doctor Deb" Higer stroked her first homer of the season for the Puffins.

The game ties at eight, and Richard, Mr. GSL Leather himself, knocks in the go-ahead run for the underdog Puffins. The Brats bite back when McCool brings in Bobby Detulio to tie it at nine. The final heroics, however, go to Gene Kelly who watches the bases load up before he steps to the plate and unleashes a grand slam that seals the victory for the Puffins, 14-10.

Although Tony Easley's grand slam did not come at such a clutch moment as Kelly's, Easley's did go further — it cleared the right field fence and added a pothole to 17th Street. Easley's tater helped Uncle Bert's Bombers glide past Rolo, 10-2. Rolo deserves credit for making a go of A Division play this year, following an impressive reign in B Division. Both teams hit the ball exceptionally hard all afternoon, but it was the

Bombers who managed to find the holes.

### Benefit for 'Cute' Cunningham

Speaking of hard-hit balls and holes, although comments in the stands indicated that Bomber infielder/Ivy's chef Rick Cunningham is looking "cute in a hockey player way" as a result of his collision with a ball at the Golden Bear Classic, there will be a dinner/benefit to help Rick with his dental bills. Rick prepares an Italian dinner at Uncle Bert's Place on Thursday, June 27, from 7-9 p.m., donations \$10.

Home-run swings from Clay Maxwell and Greg Newman served as Sweet Inspiration for their slugger teammates, who looked like they were taking batting practice against the second-place Pendulum Pirates. Sweet Inspiration held the Pirates to one run until the bottom of the sixth when the Pirates rallied for six runs. Six in the sixth wasn't enough as SI coasted to a 19-7 sweet victory.

Sweet was the final day of the season for Cafe San Marcos' Sal Risinger, who didn't let the prospect of upcoming surgery slow her down. Scheduled for knee surgery this Thursday, Risinger took advantage of her team's doubleheader with a perfect pair of 3-for-3 games. Cafe San Marcos had a perfect day, too. Amy Alexander rapped a three-run homer that helped CSM beat the Cinch, 10-9, and Carla Goad knocked in two runs against A Different Light, only to be thrown out at the plate for some excitement in CSM's 12-5 win.

A Different Light dropped its second game as Cassandra McKinley tagged a homer to help lift Leticia's to an 8-3 victory. Later for Leticia's, Kathy Clinton homered, and McKinley punched her second tater of the day as Leticia's pounded the Cinch, 25-2. Hats off to Leticia's pitcher

Mary Gillette, who fanned three consecutive batters in a single inning — a GSL first. But play-of-the-day honors go to Cinch pitcher Boner Silverman, who managed to throw out Leticia's Theresa Smith at first after catcher Krista Smith erred on an infield pop-up.

### Winning Track

In the top of the sixth, the Corral's Peter Czech rapped a two-run homer to break a 9-9 tie, but the Pendulum Bucs reknotted the tie on a sacrifice fly by Steve Wilson. Then with two out in the bottom of the seventh, following a single by Frank Diaz, the aggressive baserunning of Michael Vetter won the game for the Corral, 12-11.

The Elephant Walk stepped back on the winning track with a five-run first inning that they hung onto as they upset the second-place Cassidy's Cabin-ettes, 13-4, in C Division play.

Paced by the home-run hitting of Steve Epps and Tim Speese, the Mint won its 10th game of the season with a 21-8 romp over Group Therapy. The Pilsner Penguins topped Silverman Chiropractic, 7-3.

The Rawhide marched on, with Frank Edison knocking his fourth dinger in four games in a 22-12 win over SMMILE. Also tagging homers were Henry Sacks, Rick Wagner and Kenny Patterson for the Rawhide, Willie Watson and Tommy Steinhauer for SMMILE.

Tournament watch: Box I returned from a USSSA tournament in Elk Grove as champions, and Uncle Bert's Brats were crown champs recently in Hawaii. For the Fourth of July weekend, Rolo is headed for New York for a tournament, a few teams are heading for a Seattle to the sports festival, and a few more are remaining here in San Fran to compete in the Pendulum Classic.

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• ACT UP Dance Party: Celebrate Lesbian & Gay Pride weekend with ACT UP/Golden Gate, featuring an erotic tattoo parlor, souvenir photos with hot porn stars, door prizes, safe sex demos, and nasty go-go dancers. June 28, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$7 donation. I-Beam, 1748 Haight, SF. 252-9200.

### MUSIC

• 13th Annual Pride Concert: The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco present their annual concert with guests The Golden Gate Men's Chorus, The Silicon Valley Men's Chorus, The Glide Ensemble, Vocal Minority and Voices, The Bay Area Lesbian Ensemble, and Menage. June 28 at 8 p.m. \$10-12 adv., \$12-15 at door. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason, SF. Call 522-1018.

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• "Lush Voices: An Evening of Poetry and Song": A benefit celebration for the National Center for Lesbian Rights featuring JoAnn Loulan, Dorothy Allison, Kitty Tsui and Jewelle Gomez, with a special performance by Linda Tillery, Teresa Trull and Vicki Randle. June 28 at 8 p.m. \$12-25 adv. (Old Wives' Tales, Mama Bears, BASS), \$15-28 at door. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. ASL signed, wheelchair access. Call 552-3656.

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• A Different Light Bookstore: Gay directors David Weissman, Jeff Cole, John Greyson and Richard Kwietniowski June 28 at 4 p.m. Lesbian director Jan Oxenberg June 29 at 9 p.m. Gay mystery writer Mark Richard Zubro reads and signs his new book, *The Only Good Priest* June 29 at 7:30 p.m. Amity Buxton (*The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming Out Crisis for Straight Spouses*) addresses gay partners of non-gay spouses or lovers July 2 at 7:30 p.m. All events are free. A Different Light, 489 Castro/18th St., SF. Call 431-0891.

### COMEDY

• "Gay Comedy Extravaganza": Tom "The Mother of Gay Comedy" Ammann presents a night of laughter featuring Marga Gomez, Scott Capurro, Karen Ripley, Pomo Afro Homo, Jenine Strobel and Marilyn Pittman. June 29 at 7:30 & 10 p.m. \$13. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell/Polk, SF. Call 885-0750 or 762-2277.

### LEATHER

• Reception for International Mr. Leather 1991: Mr. San Francisco Leather Mitch Johnson and B.A.R.'s Mr. Marcus host a reception in honor of IML 1991 D. Cannon. June 29, 7-9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. SF Eagle, 398 12th St./Harrison, SF.

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## FRIDAY 28

• 'nZinga': Dance to the world's hottest music to celebrate the diversity of the world's gay & lesbian community. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3. El Rio, 3158 Mission, SF. Declan, 648-2156.

• Club Q: Dancing for women on Fridays. 9 p.m. Cover. Kennel Club/Box, 628 Divisadero/Hayes, SF.

• 'tgif': Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade kickoff party with cocktails, music & videos. 5-8:30 p.m. \$5. Rosalie's Redux, 1415 Van Ness/California, SF.

• 'Hot House Fridays': Underwear party, go-go dancers, hot buns contest, cash prizes. Fun starts every Friday at 9 p.m. Bench & Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland. 444-2266.

• UNITY's 2nd Annual Cultural Fest & Dance: A benefit for the National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference. 8 p.m.-3 a.m. Merritt-Peralta Health Education Center, 350 Hawthorne, Oakland. UNITY, 569-0938.

• Monica Grant in Concert: Record release celebration of *To the Heart of It* includes Grant, Teresa Chandler, Tracy Stark, Janet (Jake) Lampert & others. 8 p.m. \$8. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley. 849-2568.

• Comic Robin Tyler: One night only! Laugh with one of the true pioneers of gay & lesbian comedy. 9:30 p.m. \$10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.

• 'T-Shirts': Robert Patrick's play is a riotous, raunchy, revealing time capsule of post-Stonewall manners & romance. Thru July 7, Wed.-Sun. at 8 p.m. \$10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.

• Girth & Mirth Club/SF: 15th Anniversary/Founders Day party to kickoff Pride Weekend. Lots of food & drinks, Mr. Chubby & Mr. Chaser contests, raffle & dancing. 8 p.m. \$7 mem., \$10 guests. 176-B Page, SF. 824-0260.

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# Week

## SATURDAY 29

- **The Girl Spot:** Saturday danceclub for lesbians. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at The Endup, 6th St. & Harrison, SF.
- **Snatch:** Where the rude girls roam with DJ Downtown Donna. Deco, 510 Larkin/Turk, SF. Snatch hotline, 561-9771.
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- **Pre-Parade Square Dance:** Western Star Dancers invite lesbians & gay men to join in basic mainstream & plus level dancing with caller Jet Roberts. 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$6. St. Paulus Church, Gough & Eddy, SF. 864-6134.
- **Gay Comedy Night:** Featuring SF's young comedy talent — Michael Savoy, Mark Davis & Nora Frala. 10 p.m. \$8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
- **Latino/a Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Artists' Exhibit:** Closing night party for artists, plus food & drink, sponsored by CASA. All welcome. 8 p.m. \$5 donation. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission, SF. 821-1155.
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- **'A Remembrance of Deaf Friends':** Memorial service hosted by Deaf Community AIDS Project & Deaf AIDS Information Center. 1-3 p.m. Hearing Society, 20 10th St., SF.
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- **Tea and Classics:** Special Gay Day concert by a brass quintet from the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. 4 p.m. \$6. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
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## MONDAY 1

- **The Living Room Art Exhibit:** Reception for artist Larry Deans 6-9 p.m. On view thru July 20, daily, 12-10 p.m. Gallery at The Living Room, 4035 18th St., 2nd fl., SF. 252-1150.
- **'Hand in Hand Together':** Mixed media art exhibit by the Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance. On view thru July 5. City Hall Rotunda, SF.
- **'Remembering the 6th International Conference on AIDS':** An installation of photographs & texts by Rudy Lemcke which document the "actions" & "issues" surrounding the ICA6. June 21-July 13, Tue-Sat., 12-5:30 p.m. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission, SF. 431-6911.

## TUESDAY 2

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# A Peak at Physique

by Nancy Boutillier

It may not be your typical high-school homecoming, but when Neil Nabbefeld and Dianne Aaronson take to the stage at Mission High School this Saturday, they'll be homecoming king and queen of sorts. Nabbefeld and Aaronson captured the gold medal in mixed pairs at Gay Games III, but their bodybuilding roots are here in San Francisco. They will be guest posers along with Lytrischia Ann Porchia at Physique '91, the International Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships.

Aaronson, who writes the "To Your Health" column for this paper, says she's looking forward to participating in the event because it's where she began: "I started here in Physique '87. It's grown so much, and I'm just glad to be a part of it."

Nabbefeld also views Physique as the starting point on his road to the gold. He admits that, until his introduction to Physique, "I didn't realize I was an exhibitionist." Such a High

Nabbefeld calls bodybuilding a "a non-sexist, non-offensive way for us to celebrate our bodies." Organizers are expecting plenty of newcomers this year, and Nabbefeld believes that one of the beau-

ties of the event is "all the brand-new people. They're all nervous. It's such a high, and you can feel it from them."

One competitor who still recalls that sense of high is

**This year, in addition to master and elite divisions, same-sex men's and women's pairs, novice divisions for men and women have been added to encourage athletes who have never competed before.**

Arcadia Bodybuilding Society founder George Birmisa. A playwright by trade who has acted often in his life, Birmisa describes his first competition at Gay Games II in 1984, at the age of 62, as "the most incredible stage experience I'd ever had in my life."

Not wanting to wait four years for Gay Games III, Birmisa organized Physique.

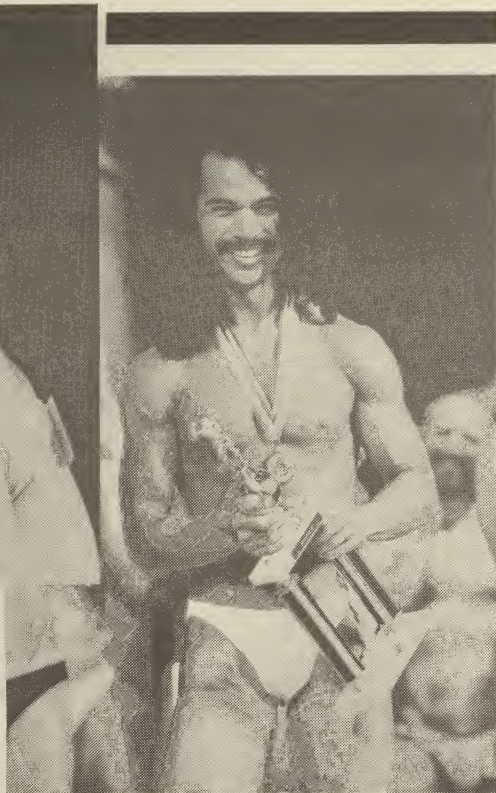
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This year, in addition to master and elite divisions, same-sex men's and women's pairs, novice divisions for men and women have been added to encourage athletes who have never before competed in a physique contest.

Arcadia Bodybuilding Society sponsors the event, and organizers are expecting more than 30 competitors from as far away as Montreal in town for the competition.



Donna Jacobs, left, and John de Leon, winners in last year's physique contest, will attempt to repeat again.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

The preliminary contest begins at 9 a.m. at Mission High School, 18th Street at Church, and the finals will be-

gin there promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$10-25 for the event. For more information call 431-6254. ▼

## To Your Health

# Some Practical Uses of Your Dreamtime

by Dianne Aaronson

I hope that in the past two weeks some of you have had the inclination to begin a dream journal. By now you should be remembering some dreams, even if before you were not. As I mentioned before (*B.A.R.*, June 13), fragments are just as important as "whole" dream segments, so write them down as well. They will enlarge over time. Remember to keep your journal by your bedside.

There are different, most of them equally valid, ways to view your dreams. You may wish to study your dreams for the purpose of identifying symbols and metaphors. Though I will not go into it here, there are many univer-

sally recognized symbols or "archetypes" that can give you an idea of what's going on in your subconscious. Carl G. Jung has extensively on this subject and I would suggest reading of some of his works if this is your interest.

Possibly easier to interpret are metaphors, though a basic knowledge of archetypes makes that a little more interesting. Both the body and the mind communicate in metaphor constantly. It is sometimes shocking to realize how literal it can sometimes be. I always expect to have to dig deeper and work harder at a dream's symbolic roots, but sometimes it's as simple as getting a pain in your neck

every time that pain-in-the-neck boss walks into the room.

Though this seems to contradict the idea of archetypes and collective unconscious, we are all as individual as snowflakes. Although we do have common roots, the experiences we have are unique to our own lives. Therefore, one person may interpret a gray rainy day as depressing, or impending doom, while to another it signifies relaxation, warmth or a womb-like security.

It is for this reason that I have never advocated the use of "dream interpretation books." You know, the kind that have symbols listed in

dictionary form. You look up "teeth" and you get the magic answer to the meaning your dream.

The most effective way to determine what your personal symbols are is by writing down and rereading your dreams. Slowly, patterns will emerge that will become obvious to you. Understanding how your particular dream mind works is most important if you expect to reap the benefit of the wealth of information that is waiting for you therein.

### Problem Solving

After you have familiarized yourself with your dream mind, you can put your dreams to many uses. One is by creative problem-solving in the dream state. If there is a question you need an answer to, or a dilemma you can't seem to find your way out of, perhaps you need an objective observer: your dream self.

By quietly meditating on the issue and writing down some key points on paper before you retire, you may be able to program your dream self to offer up answers to your waking self. Be patient, you may have to repeat this process for many evenings before you get an answer.

Be open-minded to the answers you receive and the way they arrive. What may appear to be a totally off-the-wall, non-related dream may nevertheless be the answer you are looking for. It is also helpful to regard your dreams as a series. Looking over a week's worth of dreams when engaged in problem-solving may afford you ideas not rec-

ognizable on a night-to-night basis. Look for common themes among a series of dreams.

### 'Spontaneous Knowing'

For those of you who still are not remembering your dreams, there is hope. It is possible to reap the benefits of dream time without "remembering." There may be something within you that resists coming up in the morning with a cohesive tale or episode to write down. Perhaps you just don't like to write.

Program yourself before sleeping to bring back some "mental snapshots" from the night before. They can be still photos, not moving images. You can ask that these images appear to you during the day, not necessarily upon waking. If there is something your subconscious wants you to know, it can reveal itself this way.

Problem-solving can be approached in exactly the same manner. Just remember to jot down the impressions of the mental snapshots as they appear to during the course of the day.

The above and my June 13 previous column are just the tip of the iceberg as far as dreams are concerned. I believe we have an existence as rich and active during our dream time as we do in the so-called "waking state." Some interesting reading regarding archetypes are: *Man and His Symbols* by Carl G. Jung; *The Uses of Enchantment* by Bruno Bettelheim; and *Jung and Tarot* by Salie Nichols. ▼

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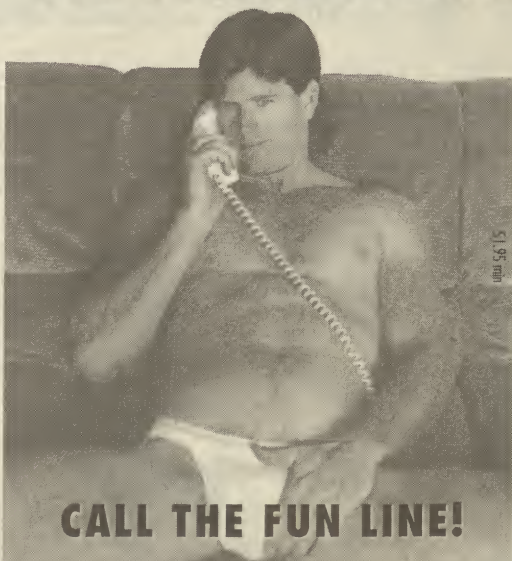
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1819

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EXT. 1820

Safe is beautiful, condomed  
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butch athlete. You: thin, very  
white, thick. EXT. 1821

Attrac GWM, 30yo, br/br, 5'11,  
165#, hairy, athletic, sks rltshp-  
oriented, gdlkg man, 28-45yo,  
for gd times, outdoors, beach &  
a lifetime of hot sex — day & night.  
EXT. 1822

Attrac Asian, 30yo, good build,  
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who cares & needs to be cared  
for. Any race. EXT. 1823

On my knees w/a big dick in my  
mouth is how I like it. You: 5'6 to  
6', thin. Me: 38yo, 5'8, lt brn hair,  
hairy, husky. EXT. 1824

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love to lay back & enjoy. EXT.  
1826

Free massage by blk male, 29yo,  
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are 18-45yo, attrac & like older  
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7-9 only. EXT. 1812

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ning. EXT. 1813

Blk, slender & hung xx big?  
Hndsm, athletic, oral expert will  
suck you to the bone. Cum & get  
it! EXT. 1814

BM, 38yo, attrac, 5'10, 165#,  
gdlkg, shy, sks top bear for  
friendship & ?? Me: Gr/p, Fr/a. You:  
Gr/a, Fr/p. Call now. EXT. 1815

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Bondage & full-body massage by  
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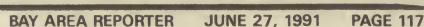
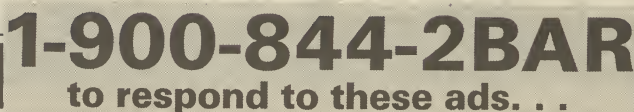
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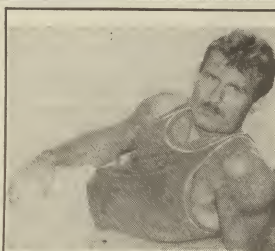
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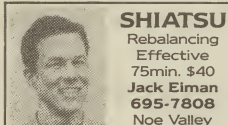


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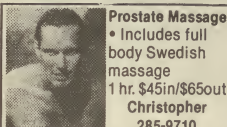
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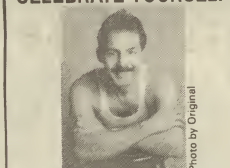
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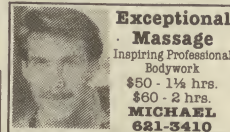
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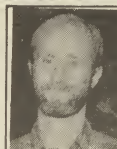
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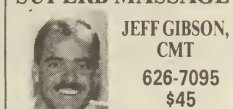
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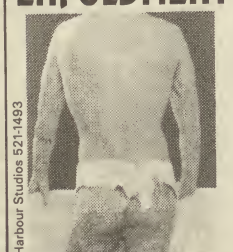
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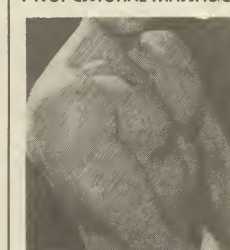


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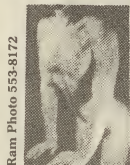
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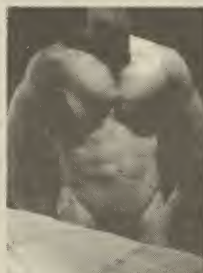
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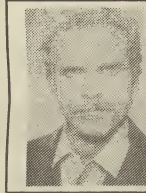
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Handsome 26 y.o. Bodybuilder  
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Star of Giants, Room Service,  
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Anytime. No BS.  
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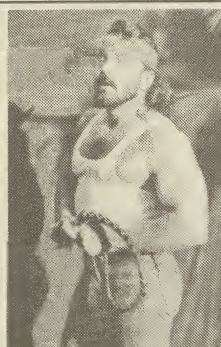
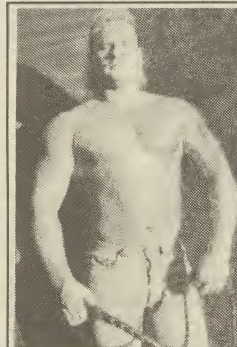
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**UNCUT  
9X6 1/2**  
Built 5'8", 165, brn. hr/eyes  
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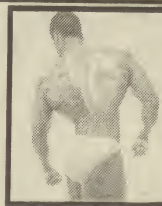
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Enjoy Frenchman 150lb. 10". Love  
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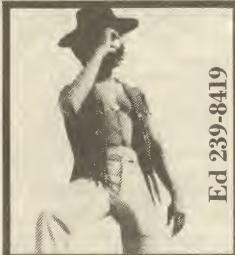
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(415) 386-7490

5'9" 180, 46c, 30w, 8 uncut  
**ITALIAN MEAT**  
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**HETERO COUPLE 24 HRS.**  
Either/Both Nonjudgmental

Tattooed Leather Punk  
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Your pleasure is my command, Sir.  
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\$100 in/out.

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MASCULINE Bearded Man Knows  
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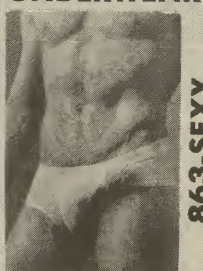
Hot Blond Jock  
with incredible body  
seeing is believing  
pager 448-1111  
Serving the Bay Area E26

► **CALL ME!** ◀



**9X6½**  
**WOLF • 753-6539**  
(CALL BACK REQUIRED)

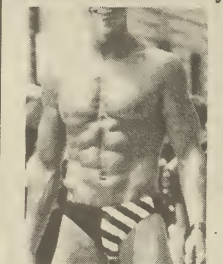
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**OPTIONAL**  
6' 176# brn/blu 9x6  
\$100 • Massage Included

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Kicks Back for Attention  
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**STRICTLY TOP**  
29, 5'9" #155 BRN/GRN  
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Hot, Hung, Handsome  
Well defined butch stud!  
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Star of  
The Bigger the Better • Giants  
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**TOP • SAFE • In/Out**  
26yrs, 5'11", 172lbs, 10½"  
**621-5721**  
Private Party, Not an Agency

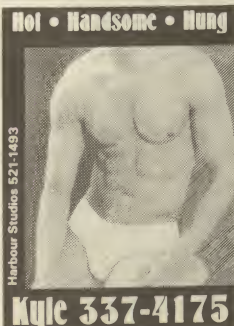
**MILITARY  
MUSCLE**  
Ex-GI Bodybuilder Available  
for STUD ACTION  
Sam 673-8531

Hairy Chest & Big Nipples.  
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Grad student on vacation, 31  
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**LUCAS**  
Handsome, safe, fun, reliable  
student, 5'11",  
29 yr. old, 24 hour outcalls.  
**257-9152**

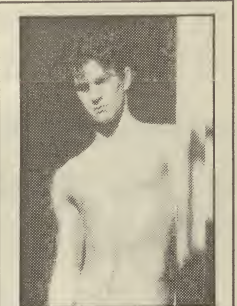
Hot • Handsome • Hung



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Jack is White, Mitch, Black  
**SALT & PEPPER**  
Both are Smooth, Trim, Musc.,  
Sexy Guys. Hung w/Big, Thick,  
Beautiful, 8" Playthings. Like to  
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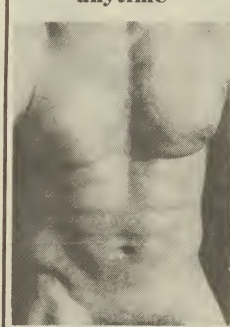
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Pager #804-9993

**HOT YOUNG MAN 24**  
dark hair, eyes, short, cute, intell.,  
available for outcalls or massage,  
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6'1"—190  
47c—17a  
32—HUNG  
**BRAD**  
255-9615

541-5610  
**BEEF** E26

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"Every white man's fantasy"  
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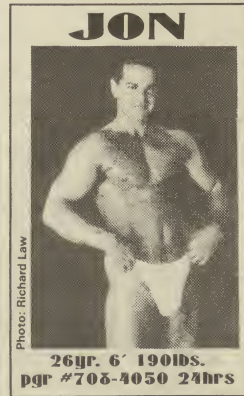
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Call 775-4771 24hrs. E26

South Bay/Peninsula  
Gdkg, Tight, Smooth & Hung  
23 y.o., 5'10", 155lbs.  
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Asian Model & Masseur  
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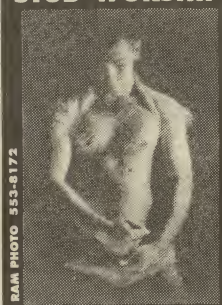


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HANDSOME WELL BUILT  
Clean Cut  
EASY GOING TOPMAN  
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**BUDDY & ROSE**  
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**MAX**



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Experienced & 100% Safe  
B/D, S&M, Body Worship  
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Healthy, clean and sober, 30 yrs.  
9"x7", extremely handsome,  
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Perfect Top, \$100in/\$125out  
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Sexy blond jock with wshbrd abs  
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155lbs, 8 1/2" c, tanned, masculine  
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hard, perfect massage, rates  
negot. Paul 887-6290. E27

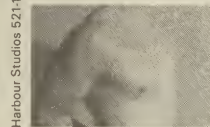
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### BIGGEST BODYBUILDER

25, 6', 255lbs,  
53c, 19a, 30th  
HUNG  
ALL SCENES  
Available 24 Hours  
**(408) 427-4543**  
In Bay Area

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Young, strong, smooth, handsome,  
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Masculine Stud  
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Hot Handsome Italian

VIDEO SUPERSTAR

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PERFECTLY HUNG STUD  
MEATY 9" TOOL

Cum give attntn. to a 6'3", 195lb  
man. Straight & beg. welcome —  
indulge yourself today!

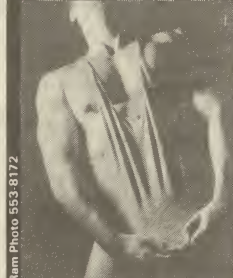
**JOHN 979-6898** E27

### GYMNAST

**9X6 1/2**

Blond, smooth, 25 yrs  
Kicks back for attention.  
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Very Handsome Top

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Tops in Conversation. Pampering  
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By Appt. Discreet.  
Reach out...Andy 921-6064

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New in town 6'4" 200#, br/gr,  
pretty boy, masc., in/out,  
local only, \$100.  
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JESUS AND DAVID

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We Do It All  
Join In or Just Watch  
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21 y.o.

**CHRIS**

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Gloves, kinky, Andy, husky, 5'9",  
175, blond, must. 861-2668 \$70.  
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Hairy bearded well hung man for  
hire 38, 6'2", 185, 431-5974  
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Cute 19 yr. old,  
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Masculine stud w/wild streak.  
Long fat dong. Lustful abs —  
young & exp. to make you...  
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fat tool-stud looks-built.  
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out call service very discreet hung  
& ready for your top or bottom  
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Out only

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Never in a rush E26

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Will Work That Body  
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Hot legs on a hndsm 8 1/2 weight-  
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### INTO ANYTHING WINSTON

5'8", Gorgeous Chest, Slim  
Wait, Well Hung, Nice Thighs  
Hot, Handsome, All for You  
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Hot Hard & Healthy Top 9 1/2 x 6  
Cut. Love feeding hungry men.  
39, 6'1", 170, short beard, It brn.  
Love to watch & tell you how it  
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round buns, rock-solid  
864-0788 Ryan E27



**JASON**

175 lbs., 5'8 1/2", 46"C, 29"W  
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Mr. Marcus

## Wishing You a Joyous And Prideful Parade

It would be wonderful if every gay, lesbian and bisexual in the Bay Area could attend this Sunday's parade. Already billed as the second largest parade in the state of California, it would be the biggest if all could attend. As it now stands, people from all over the world will be here. Who knows, we may set another record.

If you're one of those who cannot be there when the Dykes on Bikes roar out of Spear Street and until the last contingent arrives at the Civic Center, be advised that BML Video will have "rushes" of most of the parade in several bars around town. Luis Cordero of BML assures me that by 1530 hours you can see the video at the SF-Eagle, The Transfer, the Castro Station, the Galleon, Polk Gulch Saloon and Men's Room. Of course, it is hoped you can be there in person, but if circumstances do not permit, here's your chance to see yourself, or your contingent or your friends who did participate.

I had a short meeting with Pride Parade Co-Chair Linda Lopez this past Monday and she was surprisingly calm. After all, co-chairing the world's biggest gay and lesbian parade is quite a challenge. But Linda is as cool as a cucumber. She praised the entire committee chairs and all the volunteers and is more than sure that they will make this year's parade another smashing success. Pray for good weather and if you can't participate in the parade itself, lend your support to the spectacle and have tons of fun at the Civic Center afterward. Lots of merchandise, service and beverage booths will be there to cater to your every whim. I cannot expand anymore on what has already been written in this year's official parade book. Wave and holler at your friends in the parade; take their picture. Have fun. Cele-



Christopher Street West Co-Chair Swoosie with IML '88 Mike Pereyra modeling the new B.A.R. T-shirts. (Photo: Marcus)

brate the fact that you are witnessing our biggest social event.

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I finally got to see a Los Angeles Pride Parade last Sunday, June 23. It kicked off promptly at noon and by 1530, it was over. And what a dazzling spectacle. Christopher Street West did a great job and the carnival for two days was a literal plethora of food, merchandise and information booths. It was especially good to see our Mr. Leather of San Francisco Mitch Johnson on the leather contingent float. Those Los Angeles queens love our Mitch!

The Los Angeles leather community got big applause all along the way. And there were scads of beautiful body builders throughout the thing. My favorite was the Barnacle Busters, an aquatic club with a giant lavender octopus hovering overhead held up by Bodies by God, Mermen and each one wearing those swimming trunks you see only in the International Male catalog.

Many of the current leather title holders from all over the country will be here this Sunday so wave your Leather

Pride Flag when they come by. International Mr. Leather, D. Cannon will be here as well as Mr. Drummer Clive Platman and Drummer Boy John Siracusa. Boy, those two really are living an exhausting schedule. They'll be in Denver too the weekend of July 12-14 when I trek to the Mile High City to emcee the Rocky Mountain Mr. Drummer contest. And naturally they'll be at the Southern California Mr. Drummer contest the following weekend at the world-famous Coconut Grove.

The San Francisco Leather Pride float is in readiness, and will be in the first one-third of the parade so don't miss it.

I've been flooded with press releases and phone calls about a lot of activities of particular interest to leather men and women and even some of a vanilla nature and I'll list as many as I can here, space permitting. There are all kinds of dances, play parties, and other activities, but their ads and flyers are all over the place, so why be repetitious? If you want action, there's no lack of it — just ask around and I'm sure you'll find out all you want and more.

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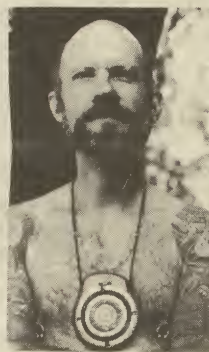
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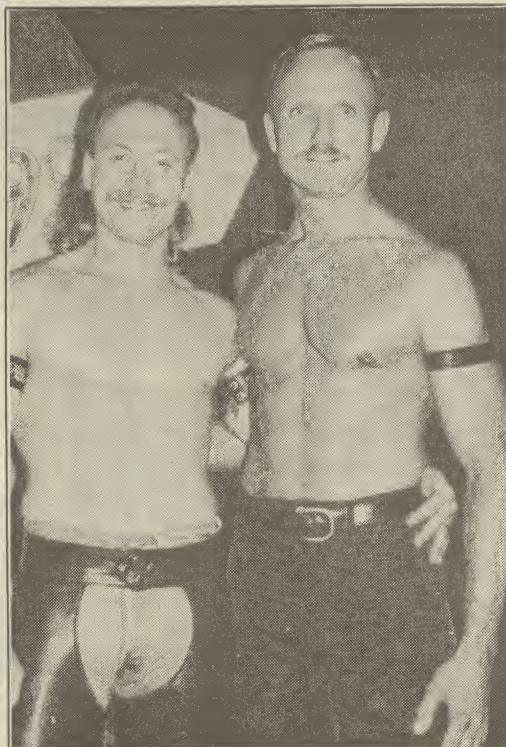
## Mr. Marcus

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Lots of fun and games  
around Ye Olde Campus  
last week. Thursday,  
June 20, there was an  
even dozen (12) contestants at  
the Eagle for the Mr. Novem-  
ber 1992 spot on the Bare  
Chest Calendar. The Bare  
Chest Chorus was loud and  
strong and there were even  
two contestants from Europe!  
Judges Mimi of Mister S, Judy  
of the Barristers League and  
Mark Sessions of Atlanta were  
faced with 24 tight nipples.  
When it was all said and done,  
Andy Anderson took the spot  
with a very sturdily built John  
Morehart snagging the runner-  
up spot. Andy has lived here  
for eons and John had just mov-  
ed here eight days ago.

Mr. December 1992 will be  
selected on Thursday, July 11.  
This is your last chance to get  
on the calendar. Andrew Pear  
(Mr. December on the current  
calendar) will be one of the  
judges and if he doesn't show  
up, he'll be declared Dead  
Meat and Banished to Bakers-  
field!!

Saturday night, those dudes  
with computers and modems  
who belong to one of those  
sexy bulletin boards had a  
beer bust at the Eagle and  
picked one each Mr. Modem  
and Mr. Modem's Cable. There  
were six contestants and when



Andy Anderson (l.) is Mr. November '92 on the Bare Chest  
Calendar; here with runner-up John Morehart. (Photo: Marcus)



Mr. Drummer Clive Platman with Drummer Boy John Siracusa  
on the So. California Drummer float in Los Angeles last Sunday.

(Photo: Marcus)

it was all over, Ken Russo won  
Mr. Modem and Ed Connelly  
is Mr. Modem's Cable. I just  
know there's a sexual connota-  
tion in those titles, but some-  
body needs to explain it to me!  
All these Computer Nation  
dudes seem to have mucho  
fun! Can you join without a  
modem? And what size should  
it be? Help!

Sunday, May 23, the Parade  
Committee hosted the beer  
bust, but I didn't get any of the  
details except it was packed to  
the rafters and a good time was  
had by all.

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Believe me, I received 52  
press releases on events going  
on this weekend, and natural-  
ly, not enough room. But here's  
a few:

**Friday-Saturday, June  
28-29:** Reception and party  
for the Centaur Motorcycle  
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the Watering Hole on Friday.  
All local clubs invited to come  
and meet the men who stage  
the Mid-Atlantic Mr. Leather  
contest every January, from  
1800-2100.

Barbary Coast Cloggers per-  
form at the Palace of Fine Arts  
at the Ethnic Dance Festival.  
No time mentioned. But if you  
miss them there, they'll be  
manning a tattoo booth in  
Civic Center on Sunday.

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Friday around 2200 some-  
where in the Castro in a fully  
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Friday, Al Parker, Rita  
Rockett and Mark Abramson  
celebrate their birthdays from  
2000-2300 at the Eagle, featur-  
ing Gail Wilson, and the Fab-  
ulous Velcros (they're hot!). To  
benefit Sunday Brunches at  
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Muscles galore in the Los Angeles parade last Sunday in the  
Silver Bullets contingent. (Photo: Marcus)

863-HEAD. No price given on their release.

Club MUD saunters down from the RushRiv for their fifth anniversary at a heated location here in town with a tire scramble, mud, water, motor oil, Levi shrink contest, Greased Pig, and on and on. Only \$20. If you know Brother Duke, you know they have fun!

Phoenix Uniform Club 14th Anniversary Saturday, by invitation at an art gallery. Congrats guys and many, many more! Sorry I can't be there due to a previous commitment.

Meet International Mr. Leather 1991 D. Cannon Saturday night, at the Eagle, June 29 from 1900-2100. Benefits the IML Travel Fund, \$10 with a limited open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Mr. SF Leather Mitch Johnson will co-host with Terry Thompson. Mr. Mid Atlantic Leather Kerry will be here too. Door prizes include IML '91 memorabilia and an 11x14-inch color photo of IML winners "D" Mitch and Troy. Don't miss this one!!

Sunday: The parade. Tons of entertainment (check out the Leather Stage), food, beer, sun, fun, cruise! Afterward the SF Jacks will work out at the Pud

the street from Little Bavaria). Watch for ads and/or invites.

Flash II: And speaking of Wally Sherwood, the Celestial Krewe de Cuir — you know, the ones who crown a King and a Prince of Leather during Mardi Gras? — have resigned from the San Francisco Forum. Reasons given are varied, but the main one according to Eddie Cunningham, is that "Wally doesn't like to be pushed around by the older clubs." Now what bully (or bullies) would want to push Wally around? Anyone out there who will admit to pushing Wally around?

As for the National Leather Association being in turmoil, the male co-chair has promised to respond to all queries in a letter to the editor of this here newspaper. Naturally everything I questioned is "Not true!" We await the co-chair's response and no, Les Robinson of the *Leather Journal* did not instigate the rumors. Puhleeze.

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Have fun this weekend and wear your Pride Smile for the weekend and beyond. Tell your lover how much you appreciate him/her/it. ▼



(Upper) Barnacle Busters and their mascot. (Lower) Leather women had their own group.

(Photos: Marcus)



A fictitious "West Hollywood High" cheerleader.

(Photo: Marcus)

Pull and Pecker Pageant. They'll also march in the parade — on soft! Call their hotline: 543-3433 for yards of info — we would hope!

Cha-Cha parties all over town. One at the Galleria (\$15); one at Dreamland for \$8 with flyer and/or invite; one at Pleasuredome and others all over town. Cha-Cha Nation prevails in post parade dance marathons, almost all until Monday morning. Call in sick!

#### Dish-Tinguished Gossip

Flash I: Yet another new resort up at the RushRiv. It's to be called Sherwood Forest (no relation to Wally Sherwood), with a dining room to be called Friar Tuck's. Should be open by the 4th of July (across

## The Beat

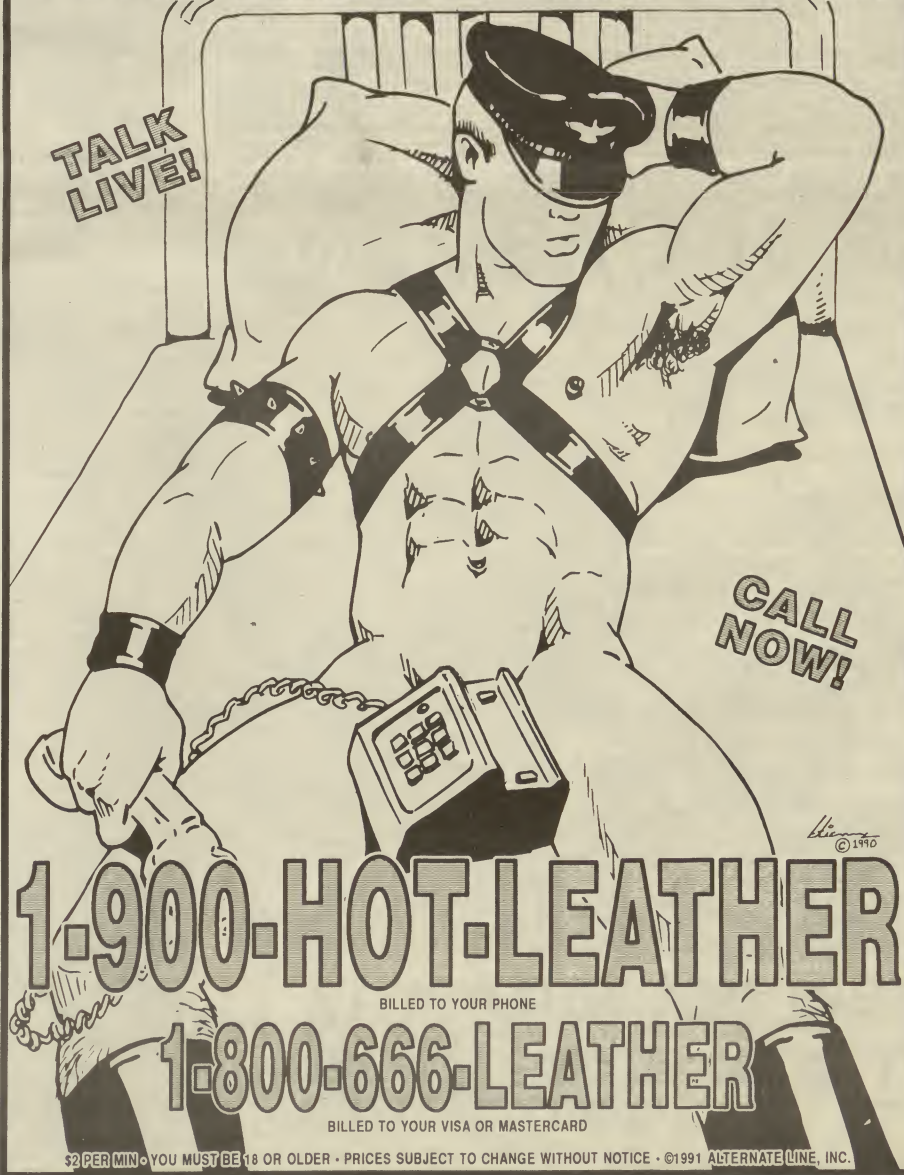
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Megatone Records artists David Diebold Kim Cataluna will appear at the June 28 benefit show "It's About Dancing" and will perform their international dance hit "White Rabbitt." One hundred percent of the profits will benefit the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Castro Station and Polk Gulch Saloon. The event takes place at the San Francisco Dance Theatre, 60 Brady (between Mission and Market streets). Doors open at 10 p.m. For more info, call 826-1061.

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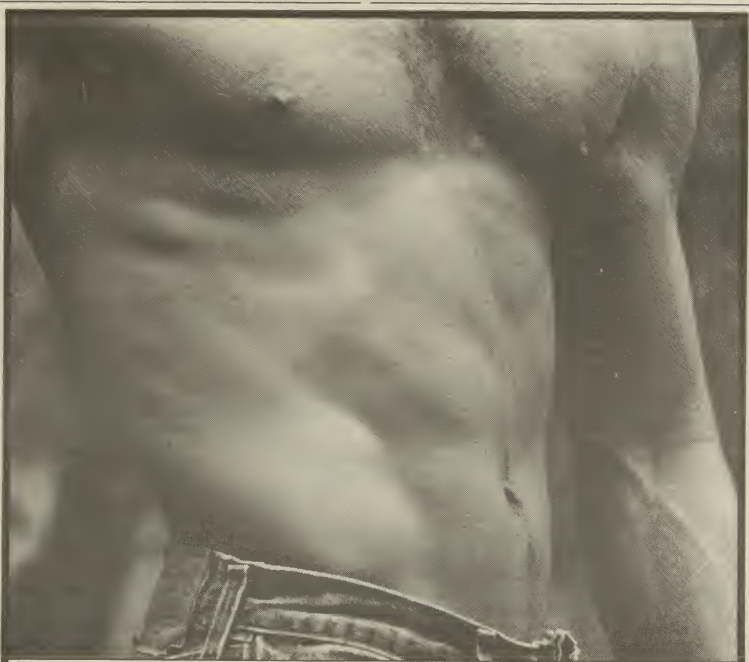
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## Doris Fish

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moment — and more attention for herself. Because, after all, it's the look and its attendant sensation that are supreme. When an interviewer in 1986 called Doris' practice of painting her teeth to make them whiter arcane, Doris replied, "Face it, if I could paint my eyeballs, I would."

Doris painted more than her face, however. She was an accomplished painter of photorealist portraits, which have been exhibited internationally. She was an activist and journalist, whose pointedly witty columns graced the *Sentinel* throughout 1989 and 1990. She had earned the self-bestowed title of "Greeting Card Queen of America" for her best-selling appearances on countless West Graphic's cards. And she appeared in films, most notably Huestis' *Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age*. Another film, Phillip Ford's *Vegas in Space*, has been forthcoming for years and is scheduled to premiere in October. Doris not only stars in the film, but also

served as its executive producer and art director.

With all her skills, it was as a performer that Doris was most beloved. She won the 1991 Cable Car Award as San Francisco's Outstanding Entertainer of the Year, and on the day of a gala benefit in her honor, Mayor Art Agnos declared Nov. 3, 1990 "Doris Fish Day in San Francisco," in recognition of her contribution to the city's artistic community.

Doris' contributions to our joy, her dedicated efforts on behalf of our political and personal growth, and her great presence and glamour as a performer — these will be our memories.

Doris died peacefully last weekend after a courageous four-year struggle with AIDS. Her lover, Marcel Delgado, and her mother, Mildred Mills, were at her side, here in San Francisco, when she passed away.

A unique performer and a most kind person, Doris is irreplaceable. — John F. Karr (Craig Seligman and Phillip R. Ford also contributed to this piece.)

## Sex Is (Continued from page 94)

mosexual Roth on camera. This sexually explicit, yet completely unerotic romp, is the funniest film of the evening.

Using a tampax demonstration as her warm-up act, Annie breaks Phil in gently. But even during intercourse, he behaves like a biology student dissecting a frog's leg. Roth asks anatomical questions throughout, and insists on stopping the action so he can visually examine the changes in Annie's clitoris. With no cum shots or on-camera orgasms, the tone remains silly and — believe it or not — strangely wholesome throughout. No matter how you react to the festival's "Sex Is" evening, this is the film you'll remember. ▼

**Sex Is**  
Roxie, June 28, 9 p.m.

## Mozart (Continued from page 93)

screams, her hand flying up to her paper corkscrews, "Oh, my hair!"

Playwright Keller said in a conversation a few days before the opening that he hoped *Mozart's Journey* would make "people listen." We do listen to the rich script of fascinating facts, word play and sounds, which like Mozart's compositions are music to our ears as we watch an elaborate game being played. It is a game that conspires to make the audience an important player, as we are constantly drawn into the action and made aware of our presence by the actors ("Look at the audience," one says, pointing us out to another actor). It is, simply, the game of life. ▼

**Mozart's Journey**  
Magic Theatre, through July 7

## Moments

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for HIV. He recites the things his doctor told him: "If you knew the test results, and they were positive, there would be things you could do. You could take action. You could take control of your life."

Then MacLean leaves the edge of the pool and, magically, begins to swim, creating a breathtaking illusion using only a spotlight on a bare stage. "But what I'm most afraid of," the swimmer tells us, moving with increasing difficulty, "is that I'd just — give in." Suddenly MacLean slips downward, out of the light, and rolls as if weightless in the dark water.

In another scene, a character who'd become something of a recluse proudly tells us he's beginning to go out to bars and parties again; his "black period" is coming to an end. He's given up the alcohol and drugs he'd been using to cope with his grief and fear.

The guy holds up his bottle of mineral water and pronounces: "Calistoga! Free to be me!" And then a small miracle happens. "I'm ... whole again," he says. "Well, maybe that's too much. I'm — well, half. Half again." For me, watching MacLean effortlessly turn a small joke into a large, complex and bittersweet gesture was like seeing Greg Louganis execute a triple forward roll

and then disappear into the water without a splash.

## Overwhelming Effect

Perhaps because he made this piece in Canada several years ago, MacLean concentrates mostly on characters who are only just coming to terms with the realities of life during the crisis — or are trying to put off that moment as long as possible. Nevertheless, the little dramas of denial, apathy, acceptance and activism which MacLean plays out for us, with deadly accuracy and biting wit, are being acted out again and again, all around us, every day.

MacLean isn't depicting role models; instead, he's documenting many small moments in a large history. Most of those moments are far less than heroic, many of them make us laugh — or wince — in recognition.

The cumulative effect of the many fragments MacLean presents in his one-hour show is overwhelming. It's like a fast-forward viewing of a large chunk of our lives. *Quarantine of the Mind*, along with works like *The AIDS Show* and Doug Holsclaw's *Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You*, would make a great time capsule.

"It strikes me," David told me before the show, "that a lot of history has happened in a very short time." The same could be said of *Quarantine*. Despite its occasional faults, *Quarantine of the Mind* is a one-man feat of theatre magic.

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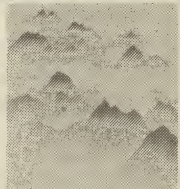
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